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## Town market idea gets mixed reviews

by CHAD INGRAM  
*Times Staff*

The idea of a summertime downtown market for Minden received mixed reaction at a meeting at the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce last week.

About a dozen representatives of local businesses and organizations met at the chamber on Feb. 3 with Toronto-based consultant Jack Dougan to discuss his proposed Markets on Main Street project.

As Dougan explained, his goal is to get the communities of Minden, Haliburton, Bancroft,

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Pat Woodcroft of the Haliburton Highlands Handweavers and Spinners spins some wool on her wheel during a meeting of the guild at the Zion United Church on Feb. 9. More spinning on page 3. Photo by Chad Ingram

## Middleton land dispute goes to OMB hearing

by CHAD INGRAM  
*Times Staff*

The dispute between Algonquin Highlands township and Stanhope's Middleton family will go to a full Ontario Municipal Board hearing.

An OMB document dated Feb. 3 and made public last Saturday states the hearing will commence on July 19, 2010.

The township paid the Middletons \$200,000 for part of their property on Lot 31, Concession 6 of Stanhope township in 2007. Land registry documents show the transfer happening on Halloween of that year.

The lands were required for

the township to move ahead with an expansion of the Stanhope Airport.

As they are entitled under a section of the Expropriations Act, the Middletons are now requesting compensation from the township above what they were paid originally.

The family, the township and their legal counsel met in Toronto for a mediation trial on Jan. 19, but no agreement was reached.

The OMB document says the hearing was originally to be held on Feb. 1, before being pushed back to July.

"I don't think it speaks well for

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## Kinmount streetscape to get upgrade

by CHAD INGRAM  
*Times Staff*

A construction project that will give Kinmount's downtown an upgrade has most of the community excited, with one prominent exception.

Hafiz Makani, owner of the

Shop N' Save, started a petition against the upgrades, which he asking his customers to sign, but other business owners in town are hoping the project continues despite Makani's concern.

The project, which will outfit

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# \$500 raised for Haiti

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Lorraine Turcotte raised nearly \$500 for relief efforts in Haiti by distributing collection tins in Minden and Kinmount. Money was collected at Jug City, Dollo's IGA, the Village Chalet, Shop and Save, Freshmart, Gateway convenience and Lucky Taylor Gas Station. The money will go to the Red Cross.

## Duhaime wins Bantam curling championship

Owen Duhaime, 16, won the provincial Bantam curling championship on the weekend along with his team representing St. George's Curling Club. They finished with a record of six wins and one loss to capture the title.

Duhaime plays lead on the team. He also plays vice on the high school team, which is going to the Schoolboy provincials next week.

The team now qualifies for a berth in the Ontario Winter Games in March.

Owen says he appreciates all of the support he gets from the Minden Curling Club.

## Village Chalet still on the market

Rumours circulating around Minden have suggested that the Village Chalet was purchased by Maarten Steinkamp, owner of McKecks and Old Country House in Haliburton. In an email from Amsterdam last week, Steinkamp said the rumours were false. Owners of the Village Chalet have confirmed it is for sale and still on the market.

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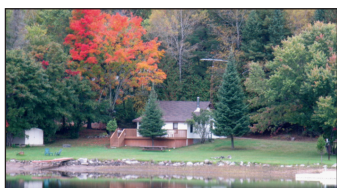
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**Cheer on your favourite sled dogs**  
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**Frost Fest fun this Saturday**  
Join the fun at the second annual Frost Festival in Haliburton Village on Saturday, Feb. 13. The day is full of family fun and is mostly all free.  
Start off the day with a warm breakfast prepared by the Haliburton Village Club before skating in Head Lake Park. There is a huge slide constructed entirely of snow and ice. Sledging equipment will be provided. Frost Festival volunteers will be at the site, but parents are reminded that they must monitor children at all times.  
There is a snack bar, a scavenger hunt, pony rides and horse drawn sleigh rides. Planning College is organizing an Adrenal Rush of fun outdoor activities for the kids. The fun and games continue with Youth Unlimited and the Bridge Youth Centre, including a laundry basket race and a mini-golf tournament.  
Winterhouse Dogsled Derby will be bringing two teams of professional sled dogs to give children short dog sled rides around the playground in Head Lake Park. Be sure to bring your camera to get pictures of your little ones with the huggable friendly Huskies!

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This week's Weekender:

- Happy feet mean a happy mind and body
  - Retirement planning beyond the numbers
  - Bessie's books
  - Cards scores, bowling scores
- Plus Sudoku, crossword, classifieds and coming events.

## Spinning a new yarn

While they used to gather in Minden, the Haliburton Highlands Handweavers and Spinners now meet in the lower level of the Zion United Church.

The space is big enough to hold much of the group's supplies, including a number of looms.

The group meets each Tuesday morning at 10 a.m. and members said that anyone interested in spinning or weaving, even if they've never done it before, is always welcome.

On the morning of Feb. 9, there was plenty of chat about politics and the news of the day as members spun away.

**Right: Wendy Wood spins some wool.**

**Bottom: Jean Bolt, Wendy Hicks and Deb Crockatt talk as they work. The spinners meet every Tuesday morning at 10 a.m. at the Zion United Church./Photos by Chad Ingram**



# Laurie Scott wants old job back

by LISA GERVAIS  
Special to the Times

Laurie Scott wants back in.

The two-time former Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock Progressive Conservative MPP who gave up her seat in the legislature last year to open an opportunity for former PC leader John Tory to run – announced on Thursday, Feb. 4 she is throwing her hat into the ring for the 2011 provincial election.

The controversial Scott-Tory byelection resulted in residents sending Liberal Rick Johnson to Queen's Park.

Scott believes she can overcome the voter backlash should she be selected as candidate for the PC party.

"I think people that knew me know of my long roots in the riding. I certainly loved the job when I was MPP. I understand some were disappointed by my decision last year. They have expressed their views and I apologize to them. I was trying to do what I thought was the right thing for the riding and the province. It was an opportunity to potentially get a premier in the riding, which would have helped all of us," she said.

In a prepared statement issued Feb. 4, Scott, who has been working for the party as the elections readiness chair, said, "I am honoured and touched by the encouragement of so many wonderful people from across this riding who have asked me to run again.

"The value of public service is something that I truly believe in. It is for that reason that I am asking the people of Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock to give me the opportunity to continue to serve them."

Scott filed her papers with the PC Party of Ontario on Jan. 25. She already has a nomination team in place and has been selling memberships. The local PC association nomination date has not been officially set.

Told of Scott's announcement, Liberal MPP Rick Johnson said "it's interesting" but said that he would not be looking over his shoulder as he reaffirmed that he will seek the Liberal nomination for 2011.

"I'm not going to concentrate on re-election until next year. In the meantime, there's important work to be done," Johnson said.

# Shop N' Save owner unhappy with improvements

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the village's downtown strip with new curbs, sidewalks and gutters, actually commenced last fall with the installation of storm drains and is scheduled to continue in the spring.

"I can't wait," said Lynn Nicholls, who owns and operates Gateway Variety.

Currently, downtown Kinmount has no actual sidewalks. Rather, there is just a paved area between the roadway and storefronts, and this area is often full of vehicles.

"The main thing we were concerned about was for [the safety of] pedestrians," Nicholls said.

"Downtown is a disaster," said Keith Stata, owner of Highlands Cinema. "This is the only town in bloody history where you can stand for five minutes and see cars driving on the sidewalk."

Stata is a lifelong resident of Kinmount and points out that his family has lived in the community since the late 19th century.

"There were sidewalks for years," Stata said, but explained that in the 1970s, the council of the day paved them over in an attempt to solve drainage issues in the area.

Now what was once a sidewalk is used largely as a parking lot, Stata said.

"It doesn't take a brain surgeon" to see the safety risks, he said.

Stata said that during the summer's busy tourist season, he has even seen cars using the sidewalk area as a passing lane.

For years, Stata said he has been pushing the City of Kawartha Lakes to do something about the problem.

However, there is one Kinmount business owner that has an issue with the upgrade: Hafiz Makani.

Makani is out of town until late this week and could not be contacted by the *Times*, but staff at his store did confirm that Makani has issues with the project.

His main concern is that the re-establishment of sidewalks in Kinmount will decrease the amount of parking spaces in front of his store.

The City of Kawartha Lakes has reportedly promised Makani parking spaces on the street to compensate for this loss.

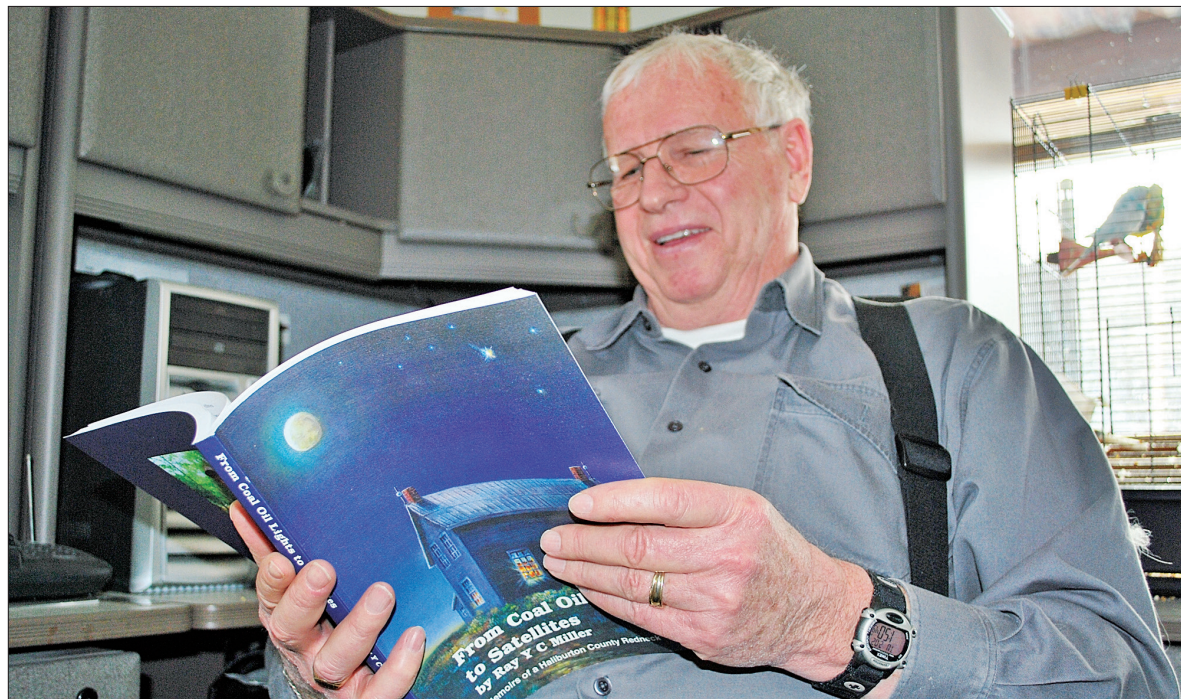
"He's not losing any parking," Nicholls said, adding that she herself will be losing a parking spot in front of her business, but doesn't mind.

"We're all trying to work together for what's best for the community," she said. "Everyone's getting a little upset [with Makani]."

While the construction project was slated to be completed in the fall, Nicholls said she believes it is objections from Makani that have delayed the project. She said she's concerned the City of Kawartha Lakes will be reluctant to invest money in Kinmount projects in the future if the municipality thinks parking problems will continue.

There was a public meeting regarding the project in the fall of 2008 and it has long since been approved by the council of the City of Kawartha Lakes.

Chad Ingram/TIMES



Author Ray Miller thumbs through his book *From Coal Oil Lights to Satellites*. He has since published his father's journals, which include recollections of the First and Second World Wars.

## Man publishes father's journals

by CHAD INGRAM  
Times Staff

Ray Miller wants you to read his dad's journals.

Miller, a retiree and self-published author, recently transcribed and posted 23 years of his late father's diary entries on his website.

"To sit there and read them in handwriting that's faded, it was a pretty big job," said Miller, who is in his 73rd year.

"He kept everything," Miller said of his father, explaining that his dad had kept letters he'd written to the girl who would one day become Miller's mother before they were married, as well as letters he had written home during his service in the First and Second World Wars. Miller's father was Milton Miller, a carpenter who built a number of structures in Haliburton County, including road camp cabins along Hwy. 35 that would go on to become the original cabins for Kilcoo Camp.

Miller has digitally transcribed and posted Milton's diary entries from 1936 through 1959.

"People in the area would recognize some of the names in there," Miller said, adding that older Haliburtonians may find references to their families or

even themselves in Milton's journals.

Miller relied heavily on his dad's journals when he was writing his book *From Coal Oil Lights to Satellites: Memoirs of a Haliburton Redneck* back in 2004.

"I'd look at it and say, 'I remember that,'" he said, explaining that he would transport himself back in time while writing the book. "I was able to do that. It helps put the reader back."

Miller, who was born in his parents' home between Minden and Kinmount in 1937, said he decided to write a book after realizing the incredible amount of technological change he had witnessed throughout his lifetime. "Electronics came in and took over," he said.

Miller held a number of jobs throughout his working life, from sawmill worker to carpenter to truck driver. While he lived part of his life in Peterborough, Miller now lives back in Haliburton County. He and his wife make their home just outside of Eagle Lake.

Copies of Miller's book are available at local libraries and can be ordered online. His website is [www.rayyc-miller.com](http://www.rayyc-miller.com). Currently, Miller keeps his dad's journals and other artifacts in a fireproof safe in his home. He said he is unsure what he will do with them.

## OPP introduce crime prevention program

by CHAD INGRAM  
Times Staff

The Haliburton Highlands OPP are looking to minimize crime in the area with the introduction of a new program.

At a Feb. 4 meeting, councillors for Algonquin Highlands received a letter from Staff. Sgt. Malcolm Quigley, requesting the township's partnership in what the force is calling its Community Mobilization Program. The program is designed to help residents recognize, report and prevent different types of crime in their neighbourhoods. "One of the strategies of the

Community Mobilization Program is to focus on problems identified with a community such as the illicit use, manufacturing and distribution of drugs, as well as break-and-enters," Quigley's letter read.

There have been serious problems with break-ins in the Boshkung Lake area during the past year.

Part of Quigley's request to the municipality was that the township provides a venue in which the police will host a public information session on the program.

Councillors decided the Dorset Recreation Centre would be a good location for the information session because of its central location between Stanhope and Oxtongue Lake.

# Dorset residents get answers on G8

by CHAD INGRAM  
Times Staff

Residents and cottagers of Algonquin Highlands township shouldn't notice any military presence in the area during June's G8 summit in Huntsville, attendees of a forum in Dorset heard last week.

Members of the public relations division of the summit's Integrated Security Unit met with about 50 members of the public at the Dorset Recreation Centre on Feb. 3 for a G8 information session that was part of the annual general meeting of the Algonquin Cooperative Development Corporation.

OPP Const. Alex Malcolm told attendees that while the military would be involved with security for the summit, it was strictly for the use of the military's surveillance and sensory equipment.

Const. Calum Rankin said it was extremely unlikely that anyone in Haliburton County would even see military vehicles or personnel and while there had been rumours that Stanhope Airport may be used for the storage of small fighter planes during the conference, there was absolutely no

truth to this rumour.

The leaders of the world's most powerful and influential countries will descend on Huntsville's Deerhurst Resort for two days of talks on June 25 and 26. There will be security measures put in place in Muskoka during that time, including accredited passes and checkpoints for those who live close to the resort, as well as air and water travel restrictions.

Pilots are asked to listen for NOTAMS (notices to airmen) to find out just how far away they will be required to stay and travel on Penn and Fairy lakes as well as the canal connecting them will be prohibited.

A portion of Hwy. 60 will be shut down to all but emergency traffic and commercial traffic will be asked to stick to certain highways.

Malcolm said the "worst case scenario" was that these restrictions would be in place from June 22 through June 28.

Pointing out they weren't clairvoyant, Malcolm and Calum said it was difficult to tell how much traffic might be on Highways 118 and 35 and other Haliburton roadways during the conference.

One woman wanted to know if

Haliburton's roadways would be involved if there needed to be some sort of mass evacuation from the conference.

Rankin told her there "are a number of ways we can remove delegates," but said that going into any details about contingency plans would be a breach of security.

Another attendee wanted to know where the protesters the event is sure to attract will be staging their demonstrations.

Rankin responded that protesters tend to follow the media and noted that the conference's main media centre is to be located in Toronto, not Huntsville. Rankin said it was difficult to tell how many protesters will stay in Toronto and how many will make their way north.

The security unit is required to create a safe space for protesters near the conference, but Rankin said last week the location and size of this space has not yet been determined.

One woman wanted to know if she thought criminals might take advantage of

the summit, dressing up as police officers or other officials in an attempt to gain entry to people's homes.

"Ask for ID or don't let them in," Rankin said simply, stressing that citizens, under any circumstance, were not obliged to let officers into their homes. Another woman said she'd heard a rumour that orange stakes along Hwy. 60 from Dwight to Huntsville were markers for a 25-metre-high fence that was going to be built along the corridor.

Rankin told the woman this rumour was absolutely untrue and said the stakes were actually part of an environmental assessment being conducted by the environment ministry.

Rankin said Haliburton County residents would be receiving a bulletin of frequently asked questions about the summit with their tax bill in the spring.

More information about the summit can be found on the security unit's website at [www.g8isu.ca](http://www.g8isu.ca).

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## EDITORIAL COMMENT

# More than meets the eye

**A**S THE ADAGE GOES, there is often more than meets the eye. So is the case with the Stanhope Airport expansion project, as costs that are not capital expenditures related to the project continue to pile up. Through the Building Canada Fund, the township can receive two thirds of up to \$3.6 million in funding for the proposed expansion. The other third the township must provide itself.

The township has estimated the project could be completed for \$2 million and change, meaning the township's third of the cost could range from about \$700,000 to \$1.2 million.



**EDITORIAL**  
Chad Ingram

More if the project was to run over budget. However, those are just the costs for the project itself.

There are also legal costs, property acquisition costs and other expenses the township continues to dole out in order to get the expansion project off the ground.

We learned earlier this week that Algonquin Highlands will be involved in OMB hearing with the Middleton family in July. The township has already paid the Middletons \$200,000 for a piece of their property in 2007 and the family is seeking more compensation.

The OMB hearing could go on for weeks, and the township has allocated a whopping \$242,000 for legal fees in its 2010 draft budget.

So there's \$420,000, right there.

Let's not forget about the thousands upon thousands of dollars the township has spent on legal and consulting pertaining to the airport project in recent years.

Also, there's the matter of vegetative rights. These are monies the township is paying to landowners surrounding the airport property to have their old-growth trees topped in order to allow for the safe operation of a new runway at the site.

One Dysart property owner whose property abuts the airport was offered \$10,000 for vegetative rights and he told the municipality it wasn't touching his trees for less than half-a-million bucks.

It's completely possible that these additional costs will reach the million-dollar mark, if they haven't in fact already done so.

And all for what?

A project that's not going to happen.

That's right folks, I said it. The project won't happen. I don't have a farm, but if I did, I'd bet it.

Look at the whole situation logically. When the township found out a year ago it was getting funding for the project, then-CAO Lorne Mitchell predicted the whole thing would be completed by October of 2009.

A series of boondoggles later (we're still awaiting the results of a federal environmental assessment that apparently began in the fall) the shovels still aren't even in the ground.

So, come on councillors. How about you stop throwing everybody's money at a project that is not even going to happen?



## IMAGES OF THE HIGHLANDS

Frozen shoreline

Photo by Chad Ingram

## TO THE EDITOR

Times readers write

# Memories of Twelve Mile Lake Church

To the Editor,

My very first memory of Twelve Mile Lake Church is a flavour ... wintergreen.

My dad introduced me to the little pink/red berries when I could not have been more than three or four years old. For many years any trip to visit or tend the graves of my Grandpa and Grandma Russell and some aunts, uncles and cousins always included a side trip to the edge of the pine forest where they grew. I was sorta ticked off the first time I went there and they were not in season. The glossy green leaves were there of course amongst the purple flowered vinca vines. I have not seen any wintergreen there though for quite

some time. Maybe the vinca won ... or the lawnmowers. It's my intention to find some wild vines and try to reestablish a small and protected planting - one of nature's unique flavour sensations.

Also among the first of my hundreds of visits, was a scary one. It involved being in the cemetery late at night. The black granite tombstone to honour my grandparents William and Barbara Sinclair Russell and my Uncle Edwin (who had died as a child) was to arrive the next day from the city and the cement base for it was not yet in place. We lived nearby so somehow it fell upon my dad

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# Warm up exercises

**R**IGHT NOW, at certain hotels in London, England, they're offering a bed-warmer service. That's right; should you request it, a hotel employee will slip into your vacant bed and warm it up before you turn in for the night.

Like other hotel services, you can charge this to your room. I'm not sure how costly it is but I expect you'll pay extra for a gas-powered model.

As strange as it sounds, this is not just some gimmick. The hotels are doing this because the U.K. has been experiencing an exceptionally cold winter by their standards – and, apparently, an electric blanket short-age too.

So, if you are a trendy customer, you call down to the front desk and order a human bed warming professional. He arrives, dressed in a full-length flannel body suit – just like my wife's – and then get into bed, radiating professionally produced body heat. But his work doesn't stop there. No sir, he also monitors a thermometer until it achieves

the optimum temperature for sleep comfort, which is 68 degrees Fahrenheit. As you can see, we're talking about highly trained professionals here.

Forget the ballet! I think I've found a new dream career. I'm warm-blooded. I continually project body heat. I am even shaped like a hot water bottle. This is the job I was made to do.

The truth is I provide this service every night anyhow. My wife, who possesses the core temperature of a glacier, will attest to this.

I know so much about bed warming, in fact, that I am seriously considering starting a correspondence course to teach it. The Steve Galea School of Professional Bed Warming could help people get started in this rewarding and unique new field.



## BEYOND 35

Steve Galea

I'm already developing the curriculum. Module One, entitled Don't eat crackers, provides practical tips on the dos and don'ts

of this newly emerging trade. If you can grasp the complex concepts within those lessons, we'll move into the fitness module, which requires the student gets in a bed, lies down for 30 minutes, radiates body heat, and then gets up while holding a hand out for a tip.

At the entry level, she'll be asked to do that once. But by the end of week six, she'll need to complete five repetitions over an eight-hour period.

Module Three, Advanced thermometer reading, is where we weed out those who are mathematically unsuited to the trade. After that, we ramp thing up with Module Four, a

lecture on appropriate bedpan use and ethical thermometer placement. Lastly, in Module Five – tentatively titled, So you're a bed-wetter, now what? – I'll ask the student to do an honest self-evaluation about their chances of succeeding in this thrilling new field.

Though it's still too early to tell, I think I'm finally onto a winner here. After all, Canada's hotels are eminently suited for this new industry.

Sure, there might be some grumbling from the powerful hot-water bottle lobby, but they'll have to just step aside while the professionals in the bed-warming trade earn a bit of the market share.

If you ask me, we're facing the dawn of a new era in ridiculously easy jobs. When you think about it, bed warming is a truly original career path. Politics aside, I can't think of another job where people expect you to show warmth and lie.

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# Looking, but not noticing

**O**N THE RIGHT SIDE of the picture framed by my study window stands a sapling that jogs right about 10 feet off the ground and then continues skyward.

Has that jog been there all along? My eyes sweep across what might be a painting of winter but it is only a slice of Sapsucker Ridge so ordinary that I hardly ever notice it.

Trees march down a gentle slope toward my old cabin, which is just outside the frame unless you lean in closer to the window. The blue of a February sky and the deep green of conifers weaving a thin line through the hardwoods dab a black-and-white scene with colour.

Snow mounds around stumps and shrubs and footprints trace a squirrel's progress. Centre stage, a chickadee on a twig gnaws at a sunflower seed, right in front of my window.

All of this I can notice just by looking up from my computer in between spurts of filling its screen with words, but you can look up and not notice.

There are works of art all around my little cabin in the woods, nature seen through undraped windows trimmed with pine like picture frames.

Three windows on the south side look down the slope to wet bottomland. It's the same slope and the same bottom all along, but back away a step or two and the pictures through the windows might be of three different places.

I roll my chair away from my desk, swivel right, and there's the place the sunflower seed and the chickadee came from. The feeder is the focus of a scene as busy as Main Street on a cottage weekend.

Chickadees, obeying some pecking order I have only just found out about, take their turns at the trough, snatch a seed and go away to eat. A flock of chickadees plus nut-

hatch, the standard arrangement.

The chickadees are socialists, the purple finches, when they arrive, market capitalists. A female (the females always go first) takes a stand on the feeder perch and repels all comers until she has had her fill.

It is only just today that I see that each red squirrel has its own escape tunnel down a sapling trunk. They fill up on feeder spills and careless chickadees, who knock themselves silly by slamming into windows.

All of this I could notice every day just by looking out two windows while my computer boots itself up, except I always look without noticing because I am out of the habit of noticing.

Most of us are out of the habit. Noticing

is one of the lost skills of the modern world. Most of us, if we noticed all there is to notice, would soon go mad and so we cope by noticing almost nothing.

We notice only what we need to notice. An old farmer notices signs of weather, a hunter on a stand notices movement in the bushes, a birdwatcher notices a warbler warbling and identifies it by song. The rest of us get our weather on the 11 o'clock news, our meat at the supermarket and our birds from PBS.

We notice only what we need to notice and leave the rest behind. A driver at a stop sign notices a break in the traffic on a country highway, but not the hawk on the telephone wire just overhead.

The Brown Dog Jiggs takes note of everything, stands alert on a rise, sniffing out the news, tuning in the day's events. Lost inside my head, I walk oblivious to sunlit days and starlit nights, noticing almost nothing.

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## BACK OF BEYOND

Neil Campbell

**Send your Letter to the Editor by Monday at 3 p.m. to [editor@mindentimes.ca](mailto:editor@mindentimes.ca), fax to 286-4768 or drop by the office at 2 IGA Road, in Minden.**

# More than \$200,000 budgeted for legal fees

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the township and how they have managed this process,” said Paul MacInnes, president of the Maple Beech and Cameron Lakes Area Property Owners’ Association.

The association has loudly opposed the airport expansion project, calling it unnecessary and a waste of taxpayers’ money.

MacInnes said he wasn’t surprised the township would now be embroiled in an OMB hearing and said, “it’s just typical” of the way the township has handled issues pertaining to the expansion project.

Algonquin Highlands Reeve Eleanor Harrison is out of the country on vacation and the *Times* was unable to reach

Deputy-reeve Tom Gardner before press time.

The hearing is set to commence at 11 a.m. on July 19 in county council chambers on Newcastle Street in Minden. The OMB document says three weeks have been reserved on the board’s calendar for the completion of the hearing, with an extra day for submissions slotted for Aug. 13.

Algonquin Highlands has allotted \$242,000 for legal fees in its draft 2010 budget.

The airport expansion, which would build an additional 1,220-metre runway in Stanhope, must be approved by the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, which is currently conducting an assessment at the site.



## Minden at work

Marylu Skinner serves up some grub at the Dominion Hotel. The Dominion is older than Canada itself, first opening its doors in 1865.

Photo by Chad Ingram

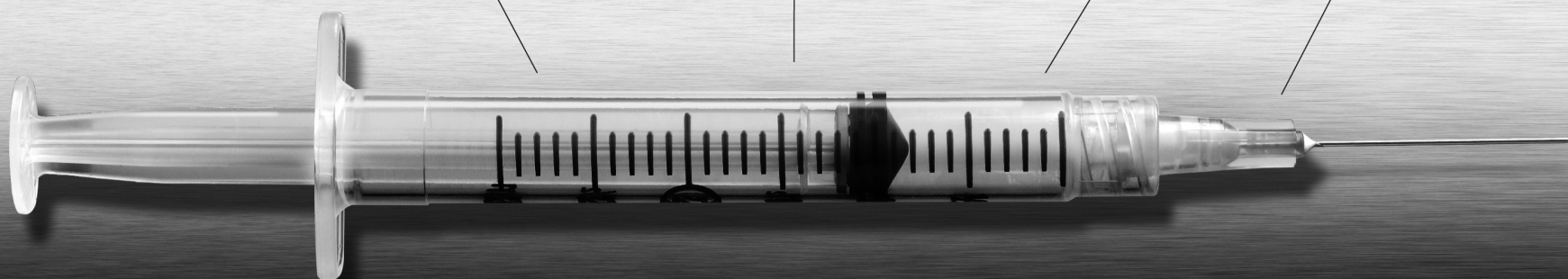
• At least 1 in 3 people could still get H1N1.

• 1 in 5 people hospitalized with H1N1 have ended up in intensive care and/or on ventilators.

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## TOWNSHIP OF MINDEN HILLS NOTICE

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:** pursuant to Section 34(1) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001 c.25, as amended that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills proposes to consider, and if deemed advisable, to pass at its regular meeting to be held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Milne Street, Minden, Ontario, on Thursday, February 25, 2010 at the hour of 9:00 a.m., by-laws to stop up, close and convey those parcels of land more particularly described as follows:-

1. File No. 08-18 Applicant – Ed and Elisa RUSSO Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Gull River, lying in front of Lot 27, Concession 4, geographic Township of Lutterworth, designated as Part 1 on a Plan of Survey 19R-9057, registered December 22, 2009.

2. File No. 08-08 Applicant – Roger SAARIMAKI Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Canning Lake, lying in front of Lot 15, Concession 14, geographic Township of Snowdon, designated as Part 1 on a Plan of Survey 19R-9045, registered December 2, 2009.

3. File No. 09-04 Applicant – John McNAMEE Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Gull Lake, lying in front of Lot 21, Concession 7, geographic Township of Lutterworth, designated as Part 1 on a Plan of Survey 19R-9073, registered January 26, 2010.

4. File No. 09-08 Applicant – Susan MacKENZIE Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Big Bob Lake, lying in front of Lot 8, Concession 1, geographic Township of Anson, designated as Part 4 on a Plan of Survey 19R-8799, registered June 9, 2008.

The above noted plans of survey are available for inspection in the Building and Planning Department of the Township of Minden Hills, 7 Milne Street, during regular office hours.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that before passing the said by-laws at the meeting to be held at the time and place above-mentioned, the Council shall then and there, hear in person or by his or her counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his or her land will be prejudicially affected by the said by-laws and who applies to be heard.

DATED AT THE Township of Minden Hills, this 10th day of February, 2010.

(Ms) Elinor Kernohan, AMCT, CMM, ACST Planning Administrator

### ATTENTION

#### INVITATIONAL TENDER

To supply liquid calcium chloride at a 35% concentration for dust control for the 2010 Season. Your written submission should include a cost per litre on minimum tankard loads of 20,000 litres and 10,000 litres respectively, applied to the roads. Quotations in a sealed envelope, clearly marked "Calcium Chloride" will be received at the on or before 12:00 noon on Tuesday, March 2nd, 2010.

#### AGGREGATE SUPPLIERS

Interested in supplying aggregates to the Township of Minden Hills for the 2010 Year are requested to forward a detailed price list indicating the various aggregate products to the Quotations in a sealed envelope, clearly marked "Aggregate Prices", no later than Tuesday, March 2nd, 2010 at 12:00 noon

#### TRUCK & EQUIPMENT OWNERS

Are you interested in working for the TOWNSHIP OF MINDEN HILLS For the 2010 Year Registration forms are available at the Township Office Box 359, 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario. K0M 2K0. All forms are to be returned to the Township of Minden Hills, in a sealed envelope, to the attention of Kevin Hill, Road Superintendent, clearly marked "Truck & Equipment Registration Forms", no later than Tuesday, March 2nd, 2010 at 12:00 noon.

#### LOWEST OR ANY TENDER NOT NECESSARILY ACCEPTED

Township of Minden Hills, 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0 to the attention of Mr. Kevin Hill, CRS-S, Road Superintendent, (705) 286-3114

## MEETINGS & EVENTS

- Feb 11 Committee of the Whole @ 9:00 a.m.—  
Council Chambers
- Feb 13-15 Minden Winterfest—Minden  
Community Centre & Curling Club
- Feb 14 Grand Opening HCSA Gull River  
Snowmobile Bridge - Orde St., 1 p.m.  
Puck drops 7:00 p.m.—S.G. Nesbitt Arena
- Feb 14 Winterfest Minden  
Chili Competition 3:00-6:00 p.m.  
Minden Community Centre
- Feb 14 "Dawson's Game"  
Puck drops 7:00 p.m.—S.G. Nesbitt Arena
- Feb 21 Minden Firefighters Association
- Feb 25 Council @ 9:00 a.m.—Council Chambers
- Feb 28 Annual Family Ice Fishing Tournament
- Feb 28 No Public Skating-Hockey Haven  
Tournament
- Mar 18 Public Meeting re: Tariff of Fees and  
Charges
- Mar 18 Special Council Meeting  
(Budget Deliberation) followed by a  
Public Meeting
- Mar 25 Consideration of 2010 Budget



## Cultural Centre – Explore, Experience, Enjoy!

### Call for Submission WOLF HOLLOW

January 14 – Aug 28, R.D. Lawrence Place  
In this new exhibition, Wolf Hollow, named after the wildlife sanctuary Lawrence established with his wife Sharon in Gooderham, ON, you can discover dramatic true stories of trauma, recovery and freedom.

### LOGO(S) until March 12, Agnes Jamieson Gallery

**Opening wine reception with the artists, January 22 at 4 pm** The intent of this exhibition is to play upon these words: Logos and logo. Artists Lois Raw, Michael Bainbridge and Wayne Rose were invited to respond to the idea proposed in the curatorial thesis by Laurie Carmount.

### MARCH BREAK CULTURE CLUB - Children breakaway from boredom!

#### MARCH 15 – 19, age 7+

REGISTRATION is now OPEN for workshops encompassing arts, heritage, literature and the environment.  
Registration forms at www.mindenculturalcentre.com or CALL 286-3763

### CALL FOR SUBMISSION - Canadian Landscape Juried Exhibition Agnes Jamieson Gallery

The exhibit will run from July 27—September 11, 2010.  
Jurors: Laurie Carmount, curator Agnes Jamieson Gallery; Virginia Eichhorn, director/curator Tom Thomson Art Gallery; Rhona Wenger, curator Grimsby Art Gallery

DEADLINE: June 4, 2010

Go to www.mindenculturalcentre.com to download entry form or call 705-286-3763.

### NEW CULTURAL CENTRE ADMISSION FEE – a three in one deal!

The following admission fees allow the visitor to enjoy 3 cultural facilities:  
\$2 Adult \$1 Youth 13+ \$1 Senior/Student \$5 Family (2 adults/2 children)  
FREE for members & kids 12 and under  
FREE ADMISSION THE LAST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH  
Fees in effect February 16, 2010

For more information on any of these events go to www.mindenculturalcentre.com or call 705-286-2808

## NOTICE

Please visit www.mindenhills.ca (Elections tab) for complete up to date notices from the Township on the upcoming Municipal Election 2010

**For a complete list of regular 2010 COTW/  
General Committee & Council Meeting dates visit  
www.mindenhills.ca (Council)**

## NOTICE

### MUNICIPAL OFFICE CLOSED FOR FAMILY DAY – FEBRUARY 15TH, 2010

Please be advised that the Municipal Office, 7 Milne Street, Minden, will be closed Monday February 15th, 2010 for Family Day.  
The Township hopes that you and your family will take part in and enjoy the activities planned for Family Day.

## Winterfest Minden February 13 - 15

### Saturday February 13th:

**Winterfest Minden Photo Contest**  
View the photos & vote for People's Choice  
Agnes Jamieson Art Gallery  
Friday & Saturday 10am-5pm

### CASC Magnum Ice Racing

Minden Fairgrounds  
Saturday & Sunday, All Day  
FREE!

### Dances Without a Stage Project

Minden Hills Museum Grounds  
Saturday 5:45pm  
FREE!

### A Night of Unrequited Love

Dead Poets Society poetry reading  
Dominion Hotel  
Saturday 7:30 pm  
\$2 Cover Charge

### Outdoor Skating

Outdoor rink by Minden Ball Diamonds  
Any Day, Any Time  
ALWAYS FREE!

### Sunday February 14th:

#### Snowball Tournament

Minden Ball Diamond  
Starts Sunday 8 am  
To register call Craig Smith 286-3013

#### Curling Fun Day

Minden Curling Club  
Sunday, 9am-4pm  
9 - 10 free clinic for new people or those that need a stretch.  
Games start at 10:00 am, Noon, 2:00 pm and 4:00 pm.  
Sign up a whole team. Sign up as a single.  
Cheer on our Special Olympic Team the "Red Wolves".  
\$10 per player per game. Call Lynda Litwin 286-2911 ext 35.

### Winterfest Minden Photo Contest

Minden Hills Community Centre  
Sunday 1pm-8pm  
Monday 8am-4pm

### Family Skate- FREE

Minden Arena  
Sunday 11am-1pm

HCSA Gull River Snowmobile Bridge Grand Opening  
Orde Street, Minden, Sunday 1pm

### Chili Competition

Minden Community Centre  
Sunday 3pm-6pm  
Come out and taste some amazing chili recipes created by over 12 local restaurants, clubs, businesses, and groups \$5 gets you 5 tastings and you vote for your favourite.

### Minden Figure Skating Club Recital

Minden Arena  
Sunday 5:30pm-6:30pm  
**FREE ADMISSION** – come see our local athletes as they showcase their competition routines

### Dawson's Game: MINDEN OPP vs MINDEN FIRE DEPARTMENT

Minden Arena  
Sunday 7pm  
**FREE ADMISSION** – donations welcome to support the Hamilton Family

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### Monday February 15th:

#### Firefighters Pancake Breakfast

Minden Community Centre  
Monday 8-11am  
Support the Fire Fighters  
\$5 per plate, \$15 per family

### Family Skate- FREE

Minden Arena  
Sunday 11am-1pm

### Great Indoor & Outdoor Activities- FREE!

Frisbee SnowGolf, Minnow races, try snowshoeing, tobogganing, Minden Community Centre, Scout/Guide HQ  
Monday all day starting at 9am

### Outdoor Skating- FREE!

Outdoor rink by Minden Ball Diamonds  
Any Day, Any Time  
ALWAYS FREE!

### Try Broomball- FREE!

Minden Arena  
Monday 1pm-3pm  
FREE! Clean indoor shoes & hockey helmet required

### Horse Wagon Rides- FREE!

Minden Arena Parking Lot  
Monday 12pm-3pm

### Skate the Racetrack- FREE!

Place the clock and your friends on the Kin Club's Ice Track  
Minden Fairgrounds  
Monday 3pm

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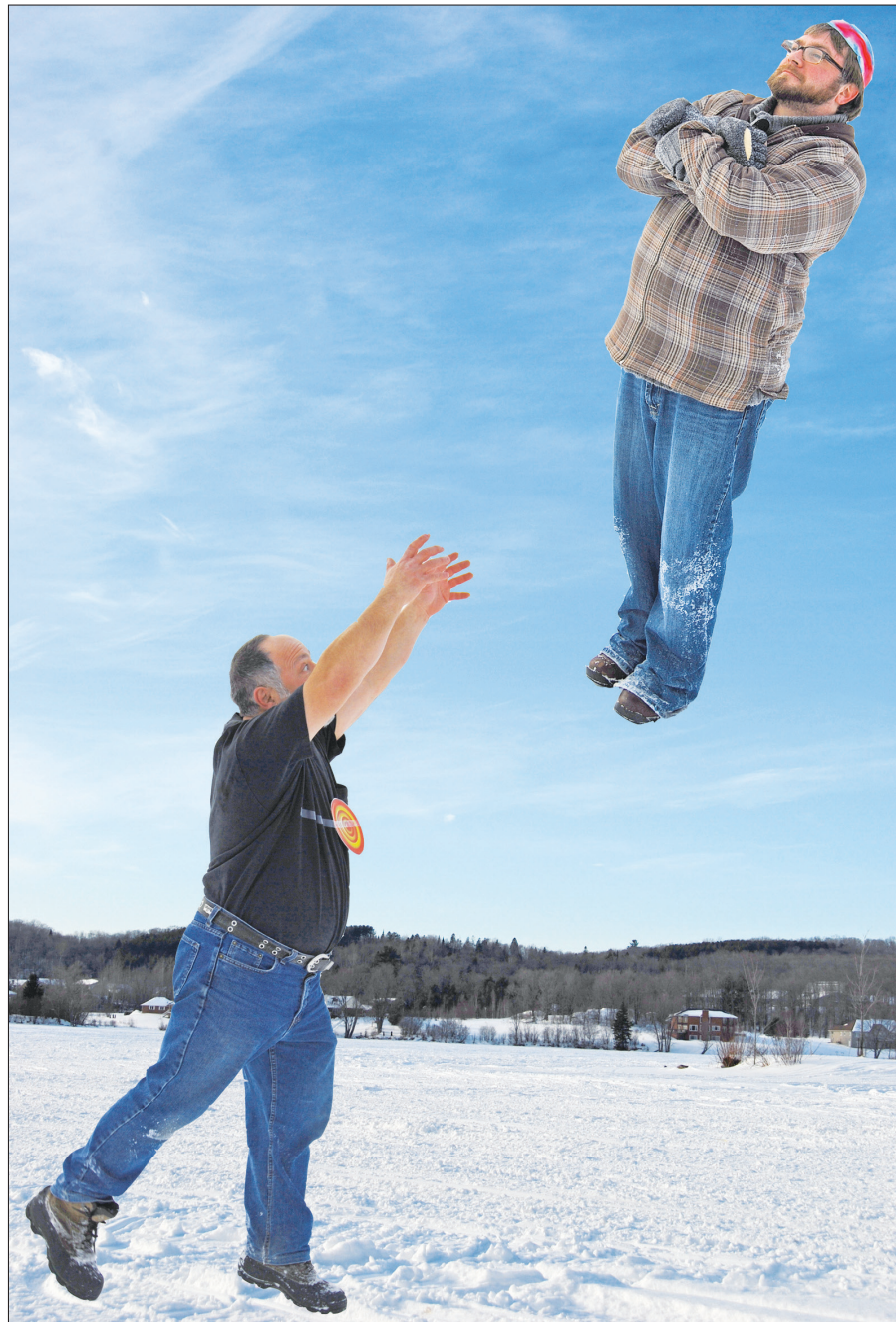
**Feb 15th Moose FM (Family Day)**

**Feb 21st Minden Firefighters Association**

**Feb 28th No Public Skating-  
Hockey Haven Tournament**



**IN THE EVENT OF A TOWNSHIP RELATED EMERGENCY AFTER HOURS,  
PLEASE CALL: 1-866-856-3247. FOR ALL OTHER EMERGENCIES DIAL 9-1-1**



Steve Galea throws reporter Chad Ingram up into the air while practising their figure skating moves out on the frozen Head Lake. /Photos by Jenn Watt



Galea and Ingram race down the hill while "bobsledding." The caps on their heads must make all the difference in aerodynamics.

# Just believe!

by CHAD INGRAM  
Times Staff

It was an average day at headquarters.

My colleague Steve Galea and I were in our cell – I mean, office – bouncing our tennis ball off the wall.

We were doing well – 723 exchanges without a single drop. It seemed we were on our way to a new record.

Then the door swung open with alarming gusto. There she was, our fear-inspiring leader, the editor-in-chief who Galea and I had come to refer to simply as Watt the Wicked.

Watt looked different, much more patriotic than usual.

Draped in some kind of poncho-like garment it appeared she had fashioned herself from a Canadian flag, she was wearing another flag as a cape and her hair had been dyed fire engine red.

It was frightening. Galea dropped the ball.

"Do you two know what this Friday is?" she asked, striding about the room like a bully prepping to take someone's lunch money.

I peed myself a little.

"The 44th anniversary of the Beatles' first concert in New York City?" I asked.

"No, you fool!" Watt howled. "This Friday is the opening ceremonies of the Olympic Games in Vancouver. For the next two weeks, the whole world will have its eyes on Canada."

Galea and I exchanged puzzled glances.

"This is the perfect opportunity to give the *Echo* and *Times* the international attention they deserve," she said. "Then the whole world will know my brilliance."

Galea and I looked again at each other, still puzzled.

I peed a little more.

"You two will go to the Olympics and compete and you will win," she said. "Then, when you're on the podium, you can proclaim to the world that I am its greatest editor."

I tried my best to explain that people had to qualify to compete in the Olympics and that all the Olympic teams had long been established and that Olympic athletes were generally, you know, athletes, who had trained their whole lives to excel at their respective sports.

"You just have to believe," Watt said, pulling out a homemade Olympic torch she had constructed from scraps of white cardboard and plywood. "Do you believe?"

Then she lit the thing on fire.

"Uh . . . yeah . . . I believe," I responded, disturbed at how quickly the flames were eating their way down the makeshift torch and towards Watt's poncho.

"I believe, I believe!" Galea wailed, curling up in a fetal position on the floor.

"You two will practise bobsledding, figure skating and biathlon," Watt declared, throw-

ing the torch on the floor and stomping out the flames.

"But, I don't swing that way," Galea said.

"Silence," Watt instructed. "Just do as I say."

She would later tell the fire department that the fire in the office had been caused when a ray of sunlight bounced off of Galea's robust forehead and onto the wall.

Since it's difficult to find a bobsled or bobsledding course in Haliburton County, Galea and I worked with what we could get together. His small plastic sled, normally used to tote his ice-fishing equipment, would have to do.

Galea insisted that safety should come first and produced a couple of helmets for us to wear.

Watt made fun of us, saying they looked more like two halves of an inflatable ball that had been cut in two with a knife.

Now that would just be stupid.

Try and try as we did, Galea and I found it incredibly difficult to manoeuvre our way to the bottom of the slope. Perhaps it had something to do with two pudgy men trying to ride in a vessel designed for small children.

Perhaps it had something to do with Watt hurling rotten fruit at us the whole time.

Who knows.

Our attempt at pairs figure skating went a little better, since Galea had apparently become jacked up on a bodybuilding supplement he'd ordered from a television infomercial and was now addicted to.

Yes, he launched me into the air with no problem. My landing, however, was not as well executed and I ended up breaking through the ice of Head Lake, with Galea having to retrieve me from the icy water, search-and-rescue style.

Bruised, wet and on the verge of hypothermia, we headed to the park to try our hand at biathlon.

"Really, I don't swing that way," Galea told Watt again.

Our lack of Nordic skis or guns seemed to be a serious obstacle in even attempting biathlon, but Watt presented me with a dart gun, taped a bull's eye to Galea chest and told me to take my best shot.

I told her I didn't think this activity even remotely resembled Olympic biathlon, but she insisted perhaps it would become a new variation of the sport that would catch on in succeeding years.

While Watt videotaped our escapades and sent them to the International Olympic Commission, none of its members responded to our last-minute entry attempt.

However, Watt insists that we keep training to get up to snuff by the time the 2014 winter games arrive.

It's going to be a long four years.



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# Frost Festival

## Schedule of Events

### Saturday, February 13th, 2010

#### Pancake Breakfast (\$)

8am – noon

Start your day off with a warm breakfast! The Haliburton Lions Club will prepare this delicious breakfast and get you ready for the fun ahead. \$5 per person includes pancakes, sausage, orange juice, tea, coffee and real maple syrup supplied by Waverly Brook Farms.

This event is sponsored by the Haliburton Lions Club.

Location: Haliburton Legion Branch 129

#### Skating

9 am - 2 pm

Location: Head Lake Park

#### Kids Ice Slide

10 am – 4 pm

This event is sponsored by the Municipality of Dysart et al.

Location: Head Lake Park

#### Snack Car (\$)

10 am – 4 pm

Stop by to fill up on hot drinks and beaver tails to keep you warm throughout the day!

This event is sponsored by the Dysart et al Volunteer Firefighters

Location: Head Lake Park

Website: www.railsendgallery.com

#### Snowmobile Scavenger Hunt

10 am – 2 pm

Designed as a family event over a short route (under 50km) with lots of treasure to collect and questions to answer! Along the way you will be required to find treasure or answer questions. The person with all the treasure and all the answers correct will be the winner! Please bring a shopping bag and a pencil with you. Meet at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School (HHSS) parking lot at 10am for registration. Stop by the HCSA Repair Facility for a free BBQ after the hunt, 131 Mallard Road to give you a chance to meet members. You must have a valid OFSC trail pass to participate.

This event is sponsored by the Haliburton County Snowmobile Association.

Location: Start at the HHSS parking lot

Website: www.hcsa.on.ca

#### Art Attack with Fleming College

10 am – noon

Fun outdoor art activities for kids!

Presented by Fleming College.

Location: Head Lake Park

Website: www.HaliburtonSchoolOfTheArts.ca

#### Pony Rides

11 am – 2 pm

Bring the kids for a special pony ride on York Street, just in front of Head Lake Park. Part of the street will be closed to traffic for the Frost Festival.

This event is sponsored by South Algonquin Trails and the Haliburton Rotary Club.

Location: York Street

Website: www.southalgonquintrails.com

#### Horse Drawn Sleigh Rides

12 pm – 3 pm

Enjoy a leisurely ride along the lake on a horse-drawn sleigh!

This event is sponsored by the Haliburton BIA.

Location: pick up in Head Lake Park

#### Art Attack with Rails End Gallery

1 pm – 3 pm

Pinhole Camera Photography workshop presented by the Rails End Gallery.

Location: Head Lake Park

Website: www.railsendgallery.com

#### Snowshoe Relay Race & Games

1 pm – 3 pm

Kids will want to join in the fun with snowshoe relay races and other games provided by YMCA Camp Wanakita - the experts in outdoor fun!

This event is sponsored by the YMCA Camp Wanakita.

Location: Head Lake Park

Website: www.ymcahb.on.ca/locations\_wanakita.cfm

#### Children's Dog Sled Rides

1 pm – 4 pm

Winterdance Dogsled Tours will be bringing two teams of purebred Siberian Huskies to give children short dogsled rides around the playground in Head Lake Park. Be sure to bring your camera to get pictures of your little ones with the huggable friendly Huskies! To read about Winterdance's Huskies visit their website and click on "Meet the Huskies!"

This event is sponsored by Winterdance Dog Sled Tours.

Location: Head Lake Park

Website: www.winterdance.com

#### Roast Beef Dinner (\$)

5 pm – 7 pm, Doors open at 4 pm

The Royal Canadian Legion is hosting a Roast Beef dinner. Dinner is served between 5 and 7, but come early and browse the silent auction items on display. Tickets are \$15 and available for advance purchase at the Legion club room or call 705-457-2571.

Location: Haliburton Legion

#### Haliburton Highlands Dogsled Derby

Saturday, 9 am – 4 pm; Sunday, 8:30 am – 3:30 pm

The races will take place at the Pinestone Resort, located 5 minutes south of the village of Haliburton on County Road #21 (formerly #121). Races will be going on all day Saturday and Sunday with teams going out at 2 minute intervals, so you don't need to worry about missing them! We anticipate having over 70 teams from across Ontario, Quebec and the Northern United States.

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Hank Debruin from Winterdance will be on his way to Alaska to enter the Iditarod! See race website (below) for updates!

Location: Pinestone Resort Haliburton

Website: www.winterdance.com/race



### Schedule of Events

- 8 – 12 Lions Club **Pancake Breakfast** (at the Legion) – \$5.00/person
- 9 – 2 Municipality **Public Skating**
- 10 – 4 Municipality **Ice Slide**
- 10 – 4 Dysart Volunteer Firefighters **Snack Shack**  
Beaver Tails & Hot Drink Combo – \$4.00/person
- 10 – 2 HCSA **Snowmobile Scavenger Hunt** Starts At High School
- 10 – 12 Fleming College **Art Attack**
- 11 – 2 Rotary's **Pony Rides**
- 11 – 3 BIA **Horse Drawn Sleigh Ride**
- 12 – 3 Bridge Youth Group **Winter Games**
- 1 – 3 Rails End **Art Attack** (Pinhole Camera Photography)
- 1 – 3 Camp Wanakita **Snowshoe Games**
- 1 – 3 Winterdance **Dogsled Rides**
- 2 – 3 Haliburton Figure Skating Club **Figure Skating** (Demonstration)
- 3 – 4 The Echo **Power Skating Workshop** (Participants must supply skates & helmet)
- 5 – 7 Legion **Roast Beef Dinner** – \$15.00/person

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# Introducing new syrup standards

by ELIZABETH POWER  
Special to the Times

Local maple-syrup producers recently got new guidelines about how to keep their product safe to eat.

The guidelines, prepared by the Ontario Maple Syrup Producers Association, include how to keep mice out of sugar houses and proper ways to sanitize equipment, said Neil Campbell, incoming president of the association's Haliburton-Kawartha chapter.

The guidelines are part of the association's Best Practices Manual handed out at Friday's annual general meeting in Buckhorn.

Maple syrup doesn't spoil as easily as other foods but the association is trying to be pro-active, Campbell said.

"This assures the public we're making our best effort to produce a good prod-

uct," Campbell said.

The manual also provides guidelines on forestry management and sugarhouse design.

"We also want to be good environmental citizens," said Campbell, who runs a small operation on 50 acres in Minden. "In much of our area, sugar maples are the dominant forest species and sugar bushes are an important part of our landscape."

Producers can use the manual to grade themselves on how well they're doing or they can hire independent auditors, he said.

The manual is a successor to the association's Seal of Quality program. It was designed to be more relevant to current production methods and standards.

NOTE: Neil Campbell takes over the local chapter's presidency from McLean Berry Farm owner Sam McLean, of Lakefield.

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### Saturday, February 13th

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8:00 am.....Drivers Meeting  
9:00 am.....1 dog Ski-joring  
10:15 am.....4 Dog Race  
11:45 am.....Youth Race  
12:30.....Kidd & Mutt  
1 pm.....6 Dog Race  
2:30 pm.....2 Dog Ski-joring  
3:45 pm.....8 Dog Race

### Sunday February 14th

7:30.....Drivers Meeting  
8:30.....1 Dog Ski-joring  
9:45.....4 Dog Race  
11:15.....Youth Race  
12:00.....6 Dog Race  
1:30.....2 Dog Ski-joring  
2:45.....8 Dog Race  
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**For more information contact Tanya McCready & Hank Debruin... 705-457-5281 www.winterdance.com/race**

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# Outdoor shopping worked well in Europe

from page 1

Fenelon Falls and Peterborough to each host a market once a week for 11 weeks during this summer's tourist season.

"The arts, foods and fashion would be the mainstay of the market," Dougan told attendees.

Basically, his idea would involve local artisans, fashion

retailers and eateries, as well as interested vendors from the four other communities in the network, setting up booths along Minden's downtown strip one day a week during the summer.

Dougan said part of his goal was trying to include as many local businesses as possible and attract people to Minden who may not shop here otherwise.

"Part of [the market] is introducing [shoppers] to the

culture of the town," he said. "I think that's not always obvious to the cottagers. They may not get past first impressions."

Ideally, Dougan said he would like to see 40 vendors sign up for a Minden market with the hope of attracting 1,000 people to the village's downtown core.

He stressed that the market would not be meant to compete with local businesses.

"We don't want to undercut local merchants, we want to help them," Dougan said, explaining that having such a large number of people downtown should mean more people visiting more shops.

Not everyone was convinced such a market would help downtown vendors.

James McBride of the Gravity Coffee House said he didn't like the idea of vendors from outside Haliburton County participating in such a market and said he thought it would create direct competition for local businesses.

McBride also questioned whether the model would work in small-town North America.

"In Europe, I've seen it, I've done it, it works," he said, but added he thought there was a cultural divide between the way Europeans and North Americans did their shopping.

However, Amy Brohm of the county's economic development department said she thought the concept of regional cross-promotion could be helpful.

There was also some question around how the proposed market would be much different than sidewalk sales that some Minden businesses already have in the summer.

Dougan responded by saying that sidewalk sales are often clearance-type sales that had little in common with the concept he was presenting.

"As a shopper, sidewalk sales are often disappointing," he said.

Dougan said his market concept was targeted largely at women, that it would be a day for Mom to leave the kids at the cottage with Dad and "have at least one day of vacation while she's on her holidays."

When asked if he had any examples of other small Ontario towns that had run such markets successfully, Dougan said he didn't.

"We've been to a lot of markets," he said, adding that some small villages had successfully obtained up to 100 vendors for their markets, but said these villages had been in Europe.

Still, Dougan seemed optimistic the project could be viable. He said the community of Bancroft was on board, but said so far only four vendors had signed up.

While Dougan's vision had been that Bobcaygeon Road would remain open during the hours of the market, Minden Hills clerk Laura Cunliffe said she thought the township would likely rather close the section of Bobcaygeon Road from Newcastle Street to Water Street for safety reasons.

Minden Hills council would have to approve the market if the idea gets enough support from local businesses.

It was decided at the chamber meeting last week that attendees go back to their boards and employers to get feedback and then reconvene in a few weeks.

Booths would cost between \$15 and \$40 each, depending on the type of business, Dougan said, and vendors would also be required to have insurance.



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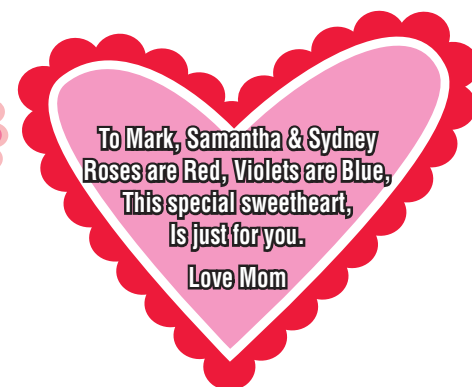
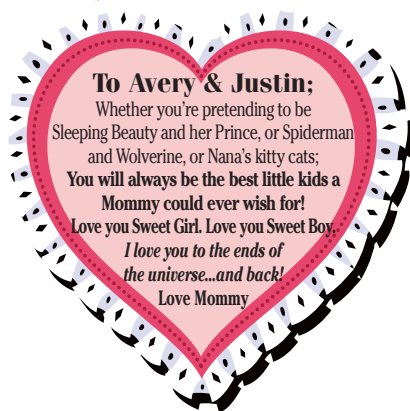
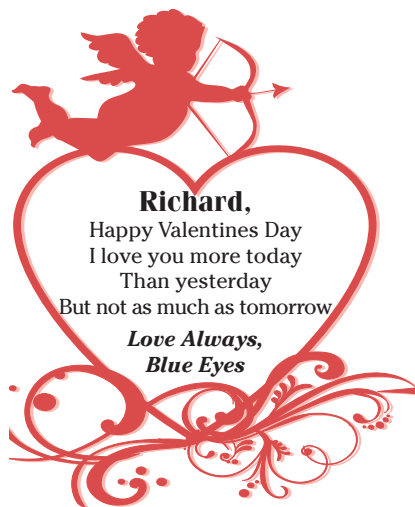
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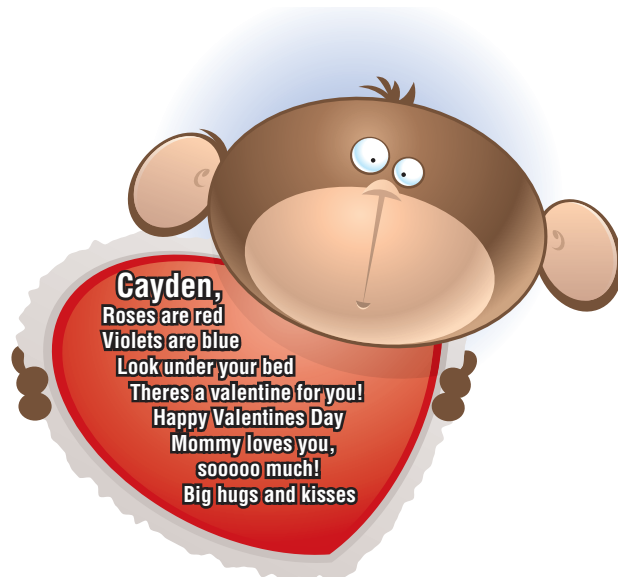
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# Red Hawks skate halos around St. Peter's Saints

by TERRANCE GAVAN  
Times Staff

The Hal High Hawks and St. Peter's Saints solved a longstanding physics paradox Monday evening at the old Dysart hockey arena.

We found out what really happens when an immovable object meets an irresistible force.

The irresistible force (Hawks) simply flowed flawlessly around the looming presence of the immovable object (St. Peter's Saints) in a game that hung huge with implications in the overall Kawartha schoolboy shinny standings.

The still undefeated – and now 10-0-1 – Hawks beat a very talented, tightly wound, and energetic Saints team 5-1 last Monday, but they accomplished more

than that.

They cemented their number one standing in the Kawarthas with just three games remaining on the schedule. And according to their head coach Ron Yake, the Hawks saved their best performance of the year for a night when pride and a season's solemn strain was on the line.

"I really think that was their best game of the year," said a clearly emotional Yake, after the game.

The Hawks were 9-0-1 and the Saints sported an 8-0-1 record heading into the game. Best game of the season, best crowd of the season and best result of the season for the Hawks who have now beaten three of the four AAA clubs involved in the 15 team Kawartha hockey league.

On Monday night the Hawks' hard-charging and speedy front end attack put



The Kawartha League's leading scorer, Red Hawk forward Ashton Haley fires a goal high past the extended glove of St. Peter's goaltender Brad Sutton in hockey action at the Dysart Arena on Monday evening. Hawks won the game 5-1. /Photos by Terrance Gavan.

St. Peter's back on their heels very early in the game. Scott Griffith took advantage of a defensive miscue just a minute and 10 seconds into the first period, placing a sneaky-quick shot past Saints' goalie Brad Sutton.

And just a minute-and-a-half later, excellent puck clearance led to an odd man rush and a well-constructed bang-bang play from Zach Boice to Ian Bottum who

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# Three goals with just 12 seconds left in first period

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clicked a wrister for the first of his two goals past a sprawling Sutton. Boice extended the Hawks' lead to three with just 12 seconds left in the opening frame.

In the middle frame the Hawks and their goaltender Alex Monk Cray were forced to weather a firestorm.

The Saints hammered the Hawks throughout the second period, and the pressure finally paid dividends with just 1:10 left in the period. But just 57 seconds into the final frame, Bottum scored his second goal on a well-placed pop, and midway through the third. The league's leading scorer, Ashton Haley, mopped it all up with yet another odd man rush, churned to perfection and finished solo with a high driving glove-side bullet.

Bottum had a great game, leading the team in hustle and scoring with two time-

ly goals. Griffith and Boice both finished with a goal and two assists, Mark Vasey had two assists, while Keaton Gadway and Brandon Yake both added an assist apiece. Haley had an assist to add to that final goal, and is now alone atop the Kawartha scoring standings with 23 points (eight goals and 15 assists).

"We battled hard," said Yake. "Alex played steady in nets, and the defense really worked hard to keep the puck to the outside." Part of that tremendous depth rests in the crease with goaltenders Monk Cray and Paddy Manuge.

Monk Cray said it all came down to that second period. When the Saints came out determined to erase a three-goal deficit, with a punishing attack.

"Oh, yeah, my heart was going about a million miles per second," smiled Cray. "But I knew that if I made that first save my D would clear that shot for me and

that's what they did. I always tell them that if they get the pass I got the shot."

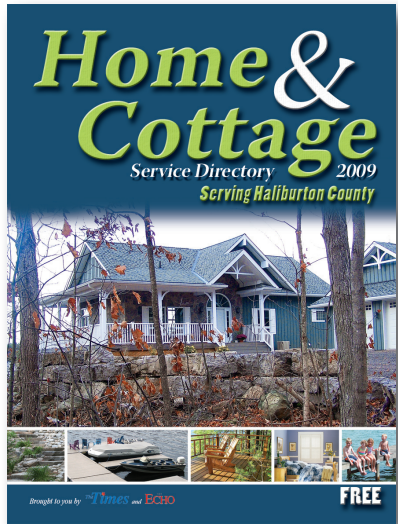
He said that with this team, this year, that kind of trust and communication is key.

"It was all a team effort tonight ... it was perfect," said Monk Cray.

Once again, the backstop puts it all in perspective.



Hal High goaltender Alex Monk Cray has his eyes glued on the puck carrier while teammate Scott Griffith (59) keeps tabs on his St. Peter's opponent sitting in the slot. Monk Cray backstopped his Hawks to a 5-1 victory over the Saints on Monday at Dysart Arena.



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# Red Hawks devoured by Lindsay's Weldon Wildcats

by **TERRANCE GAVAN**  
Times Staff

There's an old joke about the Polish calvary.

It's defined in grainy film footage depicting Polish riders arriving to confront several divisions of Nazi Panzer tanks on the Polish frontier.

The Polish cavalry taught us all a very valuable lesson in 1939.

Sometimes you run into a juggernaut, and when you do, it invariably ends badly.

Both Hal High Red Hawk basketball teams may find room for empathy with the valiant Polish cavalry after suffering a pair of humbling losses to an impressive double-edged blitzkrieg known as the I.E. Weldon Wildcats.

Last Thursday afternoon at the Hawks' Nest, the junior Weldon Wildcats, downed the Hawks 61-19. In the senior contest, coach Roland Zilla's Hawks dropped their final game of the regular season 46-25.

The junior Hawks were dismantled by the free-flowing and charismatic presence

of one Adam Strickland who led all scorers with 19 points – equaling the entire output of the Hal High team. Strickland was aided and abetted by Sean Winter who contributed 16 points for Weldon.

Andrew Murray and Damon Flatman topped the Hal High charts with six points each in the loss.

Junior coach Paul Longo was understandably subdued after the game.

"We haven't had a practice because of exams so we haven't seen the floor in 10 days; we're playing the best team in the league; it showed and we were bad," says Longo. "We gave a bit better effort in the second half, but still, we didn't play well at all."

Not a great way to end the season, and things got even worse last week for Longo and his Hawks as a league directive has thrown the whole Kawartha playoff picture into disarray.

Longo says that a Kawartha basketball league ruling made earlier in the year, but not properly conveyed to several schools in this area of the Kawarthas, has muddled the Kawartha playoff waters considerably.

The Kawartha playoffs begin next Thursday, but unlike previous years the format is going to include a full-blown 16-team single knockout tournament.

The 16-team tourney will intertwine AA schools like Haliburton and AAA juggernauts like I.E. Weldon in an all-encompassing Kawartha Sweet-16 tournament.

Both Longo and senior Red Hawk coach Zilla, along with several other Kawartha schools, only became aware of the format change seven days ago.

Longo says that the junior Hawks will probably be opening their schedule versus AA Cobourg West next Thursday.

He says that despite the playoff shake up, his team will be ready.

Longo says that AA teams will advance from the tournament to separate COSSA play downs, which will encompass a firm split of the divisions into AA and AAA.

However, what is still up for grabs is how losing AA teams in this hodgepodge tourney are going to be considered for advancement to the COSSA play downs.

Luke Shauf, who was the game's leading scorer with 20 points, hit 18 of those points on three pointers, a pinpoint onslaught that deconstructed the Hawks hustling 1-2-2 zone.

Luke Watson scored 14 to lead the Hawk

scoring. Adam Van Nood had four points and J.J. Kerr added three in the loss.

Zilla, who, like Longo, must now try to figure out how his squad is going to advance to COSSA, says no matter what happens in the Sweet 16, he's very proud of his team.

"The amount of improvement that this team has made in the last two years is just incredible," says Zilla. "This team in junior [I.E. Weldon] beat us by 50 points, so we've made some huge improvements and it's hard to convey that and keep the morale up in the dressing room."

He says that right now, it looks like they will be matched up against Peterborough Collegiate Vocational Institute on Thursday.

"PCVS is a AA school, but the issue is that even if we advance past them, we play Weldon, so we'll lose to a AAA club in the playoffs," says Zilla, who says that like Longo, he is still unsure how they will seed losing AA schools for the COSSA AA basketball tourney."

"It looks right now that Campbellford will be playing Weldon and I predict that they will get blown out by 70 points, and that's no way for a small AA school to end their season," says Zilla.

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# Looking for 'wild and whimsical' banners

It was the first time that Sue Bennett had painted anything that large. In fact, it was the first time she had painted something for public display.

So it came as quite a surprise to the budding artist when her banner, was chosen as the public's favourite among the adult entries in the 2009 Minden Hills Festival of Banners. Her painting of a cow and turtle coming eye to eye at the edge of a pond was entitled "Minden's First Settler Meets Local Resident."

"A friend of mine told me about the banners last winter and how they were encouraging people from the community to become involved. She suggested that I give it a try," Bennett explained. "I thought, why not, and sent in my maquette for consideration. To my delight my entry was selected."

It was then that the full implication of the selection dawned on her.

"Now I had to transfer the small sketch onto the six foot banner material," Bennett recalled. Despite her early trepidation, she found the process relatively easy. "Using an overhead projector, the design on the maquette [a miniature of the proposed design] was sketched onto the banner material. "The transfer is done by volunteers, or the artists can do it themselves. Then the banner is stretched on a frame that allows the painter to work both sides of the material. Since the banner will be exposed to the weather, the entire surface of the banner, [both sides] has to be covered with the latex paint.

"It was a little intimidating to walk in there the first day and see my banner on the frame ... virtually an untouched canvas, waiting for me to start painting," Bennett remembers. "Fortunately, there were other painters there who helped get me started. Some were past banner par-

ticipants, others were well known artists from the community. Many were first-timers like myself. They were all happy to share suggestions and ideas and provided great support."

It took Bennett seven half days to complete her banner, a little longer than most painters. Most painters are done in two or three days, depending on the complexity of the design, their experience and how long they can devote each day. She admits she was being fairly meticulous in her work and spent extra time discovering what did and didn't work in the medium. The artists are provided with all the materials, paints, brushes and a bright working space in which to complete the painting. "Someone would bring goodies, so it was a great atmosphere in which to work," she noted.

"It was exhilarating to watch the banner come to life ... and what a sense of satisfaction once it was completed," she added.

In October all that effort came full circle as the public poll selected Bennett's banner as the favourite of the season. "I was honoured to have been chosen. Last season there were so many wonderful banners worthy of that recognition," she commented.

Even before the voting was announced, Bennett was sure she wanted to do it all again. "I saw the theme for the 2010 festival and immediately started to work on a design. As a matter of fact I am submitting two for this year."

Bennett also thinks that this year's theme, "Wild and Whimsical," lends itself to just about any design, and therefore a perfect introduction for a novice painter or someone who hasn't tried his or her hand at banner painting before. Recalling the end of her first day of painting,

she said, "The intimidation factor quickly disappeared and quite frankly, I am still taken aback a bit by what happened last year. I think this is a great opportunity for people to find their artistic side and share it with the community."

The Minden Hills Festival of Banners is now welcoming submissions for the 2010 season. Residents of Minden Hills, including seasonal residents, are encouraged to submit a design. Since there is a limited number of banner locations available, a selection committee will make the final decisions as to which banners will be completed. An information kit, outlining the submission requirements and expectations, is available to help guide participants. A \$5 fee is charged for each submission to help cover the administration expenses. Submission packages can be picked up from the Organic Times, 134 Bobcaygeon Road, Minden, or you can request to have a package emailed to you by contacting the Festival of Banners at kevker@sympatico.ca or by calling 705-286-1424.

The Minden Hills Festival of Banners Committee is a not for profit, volunteer, community organization which co-ordinates the annual banner display in Minden. The group hopes, through this public exhibition of art, to encourage the development of artistic skills within the community and add colour to the community's streetscape. Students from the High School are encouraged to submit designs in the adult section. No fee is charged for student submissions. There are 27 banner locations reserved for Archie Stouffer Elementary School students.

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# Our teepee glowed in the middle of the cemetery

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to accomplish this for his siblings. Well, being a busy guy it was only the afternoon before the arrival that he made the time to do it. As usual, I was sent with my dad to help. I went everywhere with him. Afternoon turned into evening, and with it came millions of mosquitoes. Then the dark night fell and we were still there working away by the light of a coal oil lantern. He had, of course, thought about the bugs so he had his usual old smudge pail full of leaves and pine needles smoldering away. It was my job to keep it smoking and not blazing. Eventually it started to rain a bit so my dad put up some cedar rails and a tarp over them to give us and the fresh cement some cover.

I often wonder what any passerby would have thought. A glowing teepee in the middle of the cemetery complete with a smoking campfire. It was years later that we figured out that, as we were working in the dark, the base really was not in quite the correct position to line up with the other existing stones. There it sits, joined more recently with another black granite stone honouring my dad (Magnus Sinclair) and my Mom (Mabel Isobel Prentice) and me (hopefully later rather than sooner), Ronald Sinclair Russell. It actually seems quite appropriate that the Russell stone be slightly out of line with all the rest as we Russells have never tried very hard to accept the "normal" pattern of life. Most of us do expect to get together there one day in the not-too-distant future. We still have lots of space in our double plot under the biggest White Pine in the cemetery.

This project was not the first Russell masonry on the church property. My Grandpa William Russell had built the steps at the door of the church many years earlier. They are still there to this day, but could stand a little attention. In those days volunteer help was the only way to get anything done. No one had any

money, but time and talent most people were happy to donate and also even some of the building materials.

Over the years I have spent many hours in the cemetery and church as it was considered to be our "family church" as it was the Presbyterian Church before the United Church union of Methodists and some of the Presbyterians. Our family, and the Chambers, whose farm adjoined ours, and the Harrisons, Cowens, and McKays, Blairs, Browns, Taylors, Hoggs, Masons, Frys, Howells and Thompsons were of mostly Scottish/Irish lineage so we were Presbyterians. The church is actually on Chambers/Sisson land, as are most of the cottages along that stretch of sandy shoreline.

Even before the "union" in 1925 for economic reasons, we poor Presbyterians of course were adopted into the bigger, fancier Methodist Zion church in the hamlet of Carnarvon. For a few years the services alternated between locations. The last collection taken at Twelve Mile during that period was June 30, 1918 with \$3.57 on the plate. The last expenditure was made July 2, 1918 to Rev. McFadden. Sunday collections varied from as little as 32 cents to a high of \$6.82. On that Sunday, Williams Chambers and my Grandpa William Russell each gave a subscription donation of \$5 each. That was a lot of money in those days.

Originally, before motor car transportation if you went to church you went by horse and buggy or you walked. Churches and schools were scattered all over the area so that no one had to travel too far. Even Little Blairhampton had both a church and a school. The folks from Blairhampton have been great supporters of Twelve Mile Church. Eventually joining the original Blairs, were the Voiceys, Miscios, Johnsons, Littles and Nesbitts. Sinclair Nesbitt the beloved former reeve of Minden

township is buried there. His funeral a few years ago was as close to a state funeral as that area has ever seen. Joining his family and hundreds of friends at the graveside were some of his famous Belgian horses after having taken "Sinc" on his last wagon ride.

An interesting side note to Minden and Russell family history:

Sinclair Nesbitt was actually named after my dad, Sinclair Russell. Why? My Aunt Ada (Edith Russell Alcorn) was a teacher and for some time taught school in Blairhampton. My dad, Sinclair, used to go over and pick her up after school on Fridays and bring her back home to Carnarvon for the weekend to stay at the family home. She taught a Kathleen Little who married George Nesbitt. When they had their first boy they named him after Dad as Kathleen had always liked the name after meeting my dad.

Fast Forward 20 years

Sinclair Nesbitt met and married Loretta Harrison, who is the daughter of my dad's eldest sister Margaret Russell Harrison, the daughter of Barbara Sinclair Russell. So Sinc Nesbitt who was no relation to us ended up being my first cousin-in-law and for many years our neighbour in Carnarvon. My grandpa severed a lot off his farm and gave it to his granddaughter Loretta. That's where Sinc started his trucking business and began his long and successful career with horses. My brother Colin and I grew up playing, going to school and "horsing" around with Wendy (Connelly) and Leroy Nesbitt.

Both surnames, Russell and Sinclair, have been quite popular in my family as first names or middle names. I have quite a few cousins, and nephews who were given one or the other.

To get to Twelve Mile Church from our farm east of Carnarvon by road was a couple of miles. However, through the bush and across the fields it was about half that. So my dad told me that he and his twin sister Alice used to walk over the hill from our place through the Chambers' farm to the shore line of Twelve Mile Lake and then down the lakeside road to the church. In the summer, quite often he said they would be shoeless and even if they weren't when they started out, as soon as they hit the sandy shoreline road they soon would be barefoot. I know how he felt as I spent many a summer running up and down that same road visiting the neighbouring cottagers (Campbells, Chambers,

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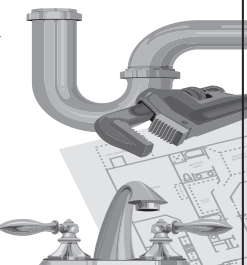
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# Twelve Mile Lake Church was the hub of the community

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Masons, Thompsons and Wilkinsons) By the end of summer the soles of my feet were like leather.

My dad and Aunt Alice have told me about all the wonderful church events, from picnics to socials to concerts and of course just going for a swim after church at the beautiful sandy beach opposite the church. He also told me how he and the other boys used to try and spy on the girls changing in the church itself. The boys would have had to change in the bushes.

That church, like any church during that period, was the hub of fellowship and "society." It didn't really matter a whole lot how religious you were. There was nothing else. (Until my dad built his dance hall in Carnarvon....another story.)

Other memories of Twelve Mile Church include the many summer Sunday evening hymn sings during the '60s. These, I believe, were originally started by Ralph Hussey, the organist and choir leader of Zion United Church. These simple services were quite popular with the Twelve Mile Lake cottagers and so you had to get there early to get a seat. During and after Ralph's illness my dad kept the services going and when Ralph died he was succeeded by Clayton Rogers and Elvin Johnson. Kathleen Owens from Maple Lake usually played the old pump organ (which, by the way, was recently overhauled and is fine order today). When my dad was running "the show" we irreverently called it "Sing-a-long with Sinc."

Over recent years there have been many weddings there including some of relatives of the original pioneer founders and many of the cottagers as well. There are quite a few "cottagers" buried in the cemetery too. It is such a beautiful and peaceful place to rest. When Zion was hit by lightning and put out of commission for a few months in the 1950s, Twelve Mile was put back into service and there were some christenings there as well. Of course before the union all Presbyterian services were held there: Sunday, baptisms, weddings and funerals. The doorway to the vestibule was originally on the south side but was moved to the west end likely to make it easier to bring coffins in and out. We believe that my Grandpa William built the existing stone steps at that time of renovation.

An unfortunate memory of Twelve Mile Church for my family was connected to our house fire in 1959. My Mom and my cousin Loretta Nesbitt were down at the cemetery planting flower bulbs on our family plots so to be ready for a good spring showing. While she was away that day our house just east of Carnarvon caught fire and burned to the ground. I got home from high school to see the old tinder dry frame house totally engulfed in flame. As usual, our country neighbours gathered together to help us out with donations of money and clothing. The Minden Red Cross was one group that I know did a lot for us. My Mom was from Minden and my extended family on her side number in the hundreds. (Prentices, Pritchards, Hobdens, Walkers, Grahams and more.)

I have taken on the planting of our plots every year, usually twice; pansies in the spring and impatiens and begonias later on. Of course they also need to be kept watered and weeded all summer. It's a labour of love! However, I prefer the work of real thing to the proliferation of faux flowers that seem to be in fashion as memorial plantings. I especially dislike them when they get faded and battered up. Somehow they look a bit out of place in that natural setting under 200-year-old trees.

My whole immediate family, but especially my dad, spent hundreds of hours doing work at Zion (our adopted church) including helping to build the Christian Education Building. I also taught Sunday school in my teens. My mom, Mabel served Zion steadfastly until she passed away. Even the evening she died she had been down to a church dinner. She had worked tirelessly over the years and served in several leadership roles at Zion.

Recent memories of Twelve Mile Church include the burials of both my Mom and Dad. Many family and friends gathered under the pines beside the sparkling lake to pay tribute to each one of them in turn. My Aunt Alice, my Dad's twin sister and her husband Allen came all the way from California, both in their 90s, to say their last goodbye to her twin brother. She died two years ago and although buried in L.A. my cousin Carole is sending or bringing a lock of Alice's hair to inter with her mother, father, and two brothers and near her two sisters, many nieces, nephews and cousins. Such is the strength of family ties and the value that some people place in heritage.

I know that there is talk afoot about selling the church and moving it from its present site. It seems that the township of Minden Hills has no interest in retaining the building or in its upkeep. This dismays and disappoints many of us who have such strong ties to the lake, the church, and the cemetery and the heritage that binds us all. Presumably this will give the township, who now owns the land, more space for the sale of burial plots. There has been a group formed called Friends of Twelve Mile Lake Church founded by Frank, Heather and Bob Chambers

to try and do something about helping with the upkeep of the church but most important to ensure that the church itself stays right where it is, and has been for 125 years and should be for another 125 years at least. I personally pay taxes to Minden, as I know many of you do. Have we ratepayers no influence over what happens to our own heritage?

I visit Twelve Mile Church and cemetery on an average of once a week and have done so for years. Sometimes it's just a "drive by" but quite often I drop in to sing a chorus or two of "Danny Boy" to and "with" my dad. That was his favourite song. His once nice tenor voice is a little flat these days.

It's hard for me to even imagine the site without the plain and proud little church.

The music of the "Wind Through the Pines" will seem even more tuneless than my dad and me.

Ronald Sinclair Russell

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# Highland Storm Atom AEs dim Newcastle Stars

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What an exciting game! The Highland Storm Atom AEs came out ready to play hockey and show the Newcastle Stars who was in charge. Once again the Storm boys decided to wait until the second period to start scoring with a goal by Ryan Prentice, assisted by Owen Smith and Jack Dobie, followed by a second goal by Alex Wilbee assisted by Greg Crofts.

Not to be left out the Newcastle team managed their one and only goal in the second period too. After the flood the Stars came out still thinking they could pull out a win, but the Storm would have none of that and scored five more unanswered goals. Alex Wilbee scored two more giving him a hat trick, Greg Crofts scored one goal and two more assists, the other two goals were scored by Jake Bull and Jack Dobie. Other assists went to Devyn Prentice and Jacob Haedicke.

Playing good defensive and forward positions were

Carter O'Neill and Trevor Turner. Of course we cannot forget our goalie, Anthony Bertucca. The final score for this game was 7-1.

Good luck to all the other Highland Storm teams as they continue in their series in the OMHA playoffs.

We next play in Newcastle on Saturday, Feb. 13 at 6 p.m. then Sunday, Feb. 14 in Haliburton at 3 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 20 6 p.m. Newcastle, Sunday, Feb. 21 2 p.m. Minden and if a sixth game is needed it is back in Newcastle on Tuesday, Feb. 23 at 7 p.m.



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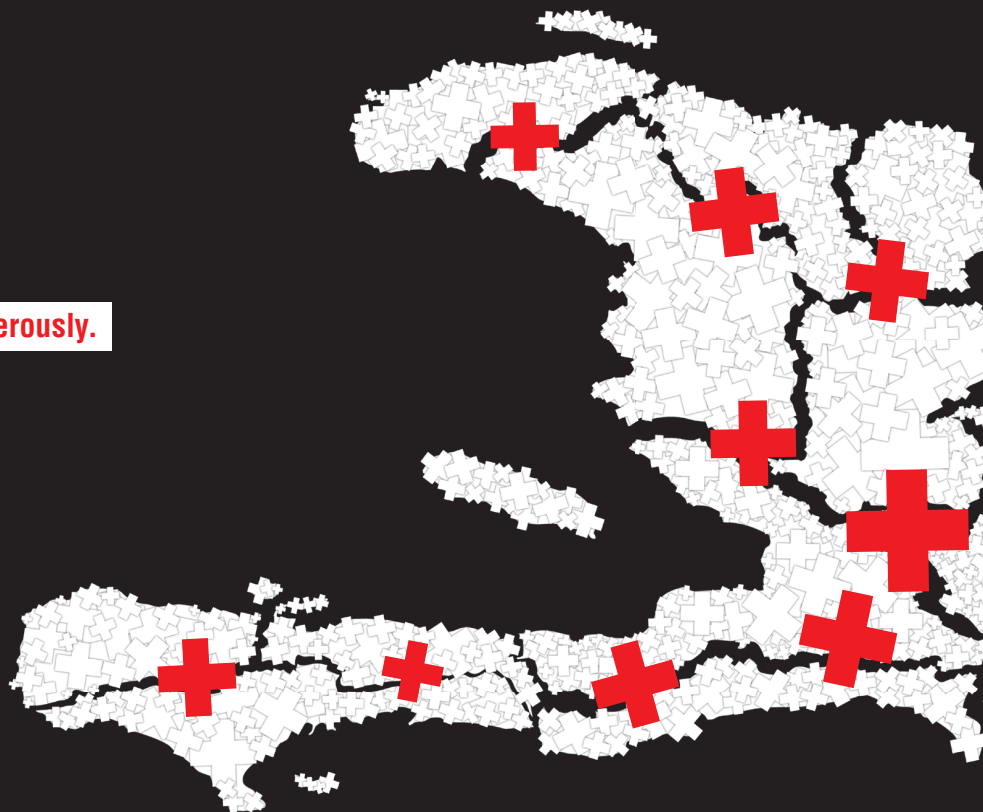


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# Childhood friendships topic of discussion

## MINDEN W.I.

President, Pam Rolfe

Mabel Deacon hosted the Jan. 20 meeting with 10 members present one guest and one new member.

The president wished everybody a Happy New Year and thanked Mabel for her hospitality. The meeting opened with the Ode and the Mary Stewart Collect.

The roll call was "childhood friendships" and each member recalled friendships of long ago, some still strong today. Some members had completely lost touch with their friends, but others recalled tales of times of hardship as youngsters, but at the time didn't realize the trials and tribulations their parents were enduring. One member recalled a friend she had lost touch with, but she is now her neighbour. The president told us about two schoolfriends in England that she keeps in touch with

via email and two that have immigrated to Canada and live in Aurora and Belleville. Clara, who was born in Holland, keeps in touch with a letter at Christmas written in Dutch, to her childhood friend. We have several members from overseas, which makes it difficult to have personal contact, but birthday cards and letters suffice.

Del had a medical appointment, but her current events report was read by the President. Clara read her yearly coordinator report which recalled the business from last year.

A short poem was read by Pam and a motto "The reason a dog has so many friends is that he wags his tail instead of his tongue."

We sang "Grace" and Mabel and Irma provided a delicious lunch while we chatted and caught up with the news.

The next meeting will be on Feb. 17 at 1:30 p.m. and Mary Cox will be the hostess. Please contact Mary 286-1158 or Pam 754-2564 for information.

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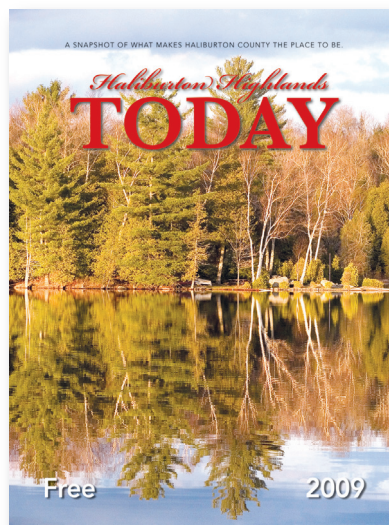


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# Learn to work with clay during three-day workshop



## DORSET NEWS

Melissa Alfano

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melalfano@hotmail.com

Proprietor Tara Gilchrist and Chetolah Fresh Air Studio are pleased to announce an adult clay workshop at the studio on Harvey Avenue in Dorset. The three week introductory clay class is suitable for all levels of ability and takes place Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Feb. 24, March 3 and 10. Class size is limited to four people so please register ahead to avoid disappointment.

The class will focus on hand building with the help of plaster moulds, black and white slip decoration and a variety of glazing techniques will be demonstrated

and practiced. There will be lots of room for creative exploration and your own personal style.

For more information, contact Tara at tara@chetolah.ca or by calling 766-2260.

The Tall Pines Snowmobile Club and Lions Camp Dorset Poker Rally is taking place on Saturday, Feb. 13. Proceeds of this great event are to aid kidney dialysis at Lions Camp Dorset.

Highlights of the poker rally include; poker hands \$30, sponsored checkpoints with free food, hands dealt until 4 p.m. (no later), dinner at 4:40 p.m. and prizes at 6:30 p.m. (or shortly after). \$50 in pledges gives you a free ride. Pledge forms are available on the website.

For more information or for a pledge sheet, have a look at www.tallpines.org or call Charmaine at 766-9263 or Helen at 766-2662.

The Dorset Recreation Centre will be closed on Monday, February 15 for Family Day and the staff would like to wish you a happy and safe holiday celebrating family.

There will be a Dorset Community Policing Meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 16 at 7:30 p.m. at the Dorset Recreation Centre. All are welcome.

Fran Gower will be providing a foot clinic at the Dorset Recreation Centre on Wednesday, Feb. 17. For more information or to book an appointment, call Fran at 635-1229.

The 20th annual Dorset Snowball

Winter Carnival takes place on Friday and Saturday, Feb. 19 and 20. Have a look at www.dorsetsnowball.com or watch for the brochure coming soon in your mailbox for a complete list of events and activities.

Birthday wishes for the week of Feb. 7 to 13 go out to Julie Mealus (Mouland), Esther Fortney, Gail Hope, May Moore and Gino Ballestrin. Have fun on your special day!

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The Township of Algonquin Highlands, located in the northern Haliburton Highlands is seeking applications from qualified candidates to fill the newly created position of Chief Training Officer for Algonquin Highlands Fire Services.

Reporting to the Fire Chief, and working in close cooperation with the three District Chiefs, the Training Officer will be responsible for the coordination, development, delivery and administration of Training for the fifty (50) volunteers in the three Fire Stations in the Department.

The ideal candidate will have the demonstrated ability and experience working successfully in a volunteer environment, and have sound judgment, leadership and motivational skills. Extensive fire fighting and training experience and a thorough knowledge of modern fire fighting and fire prevention methods is required. The ideal candidate should also have Training Officer Certification, Associate Instructor and Trainer/Facilitator status from the Fire College in Gravenhurst.

The salary for the position will be commensurate with qualifications. The Municipality offers a competitive benefit package. A full Job Description and Salary range is available on request.

Qualified candidates are invited to submit a complete resume and covering letter, in confidence, detailing education, experience and references to the undersigned no later than Monday, March 08, 2010. Candidates will clearly demonstrate how and where they have gained the knowledge, skills and abilities on their resume.

Applicants are thanked for their interest, but only candidates we wish to consider further will be contacted.

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# The sprinkles are best part of the cake



## AROUND THE TOWN

Patti Fleury

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Our weekend was brightened by a visit from grandson Ben and his cousins Sam, Matthew and Luke. Ben, who had just turned six, was fascinated by the six little plastic tubes of assorted sprinkles that Grandpa had bought for him to decorate his cake and departed with the leftovers – not the chocolate cake just the sprinkles – which promptly disappeared into his pack.

This week's column will feature another birthday. On Saturday, Feb. 13, Norland resident Mrs. Hilda Chynoweth will celebrate her 100 birthday. Hilda, the daughter of Sam and Isabella (Souter) Bryant, was born and raised in Norland in the family home directly across from Norland United Church. Sam owned sawmills there and Isabella had grown up in Rackety Creek near Minden where her father was the tax collector. On Dec. 27, 1927 Hilda married Harold Chynoweth in Fenelon Falls traveling across frozen Cameron Lake by horse and cutter for the ceremony. They raised a busy family together moving to the present farm at Norland in 1946 where sadly Harold passed away in 1973.

Hilda began working with leather in 1954 later starting the Norland Leather Guild. She is a life member of the Canadian Society for Creative Leathercrafters, a founding and continuing member of the Kinmount and Area Artisans Guild and an active participant in the annual Pioneer Society Exhibit at the Kinmount Fair. Crochet and knitting are two more of Hilda's many talents. Her leather and woolen crafts are for sale at the Kinmount Artisans Marketplace and at the Coboconk Jailhouse with the seniors' crafts.

Everyone is invited to drop in for the birthday party on Feb. 13 at the Coboconk Legion from 1 to 5 p.m. For those wishing to make a gift in honour of Hilda's many accomplishments there will be a donation box at the party with funds going to the building project at the Ward Park Arena, Norland and to the Norland United Church. On a

personal note it has been a pleasure to know this wonderful lady. I continue to be in awe of her strength, her positive outlook and her delightful sense of humour.

Another young man who grew up here in Kinmount and now resides with his wife and two children in Lindsay is facing many challenges after spinal cord injury. Darryl Dettman uses an electric wheelchair and recently has been working hard on his rehabilitation program at Lyndhurst Lodge. This has involved travelling to Toronto for the week's treatment schedule and then back to Lindsay for the weekends with substantial extra expenses involved for Darryl and his very supportive family. To assist with these costs there will be a benefit dance and silent auction for him on Saturday, Feb. 27 at the Kinmount Legion branch beginning at 8 p.m. with music by popular DJ Bruce Newman. Tickets are \$10/person and available at Tim and Kim's Tearoom, Kinmount or by calling Tiffany at 454-9800 or Michelle Newman at 887-4929. Appreciation is extended to the Legion, to the Newman family and to those others donating items for the silent auction. If interested in donating an auction item or to the benefit funds please give Michelle a call.

A few further notes from the Kinmount Legion branch 441. Bingo is still being held every Friday through the winter with great prizes including a \$200 jackpot if won on 56 numbers or less or \$100 consolation after 56 numbers. Hot/cold lunches continue on Tuesdays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. with liver and onions a special feature on the last Tuesday of the month. The third Wednesday of each month its big bucks bid euchre at 11 a.m. with the \$10 entry including lunch.

For your Valentine's Day plans why not head out to the dinner dance at the Minden Legion this Saturday, Feb. 13 sponsored by the area Special Olympics group. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. with a hot roast beef dinner served up at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$20/person with tickets available at the Minden Legion, the Organic Times in Minden or by calling Yvette at 488-2282.

For members of the Kinmount and Area Artisans Guild please note that the annual general meeting for 2009 will be held at the Kinmount Community Centre on Sunday, Feb. 21 at 2 p.m. All members are encouraged to attend.

Until next week happy Valentine's Day ...

## Rhonda Elstone wins trip



## STANHOPE LIFE

Gina Atkinson

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Community Living's Travel Club Lottery has drawn the last vacation ticket! Jamie Hewson had the privilege of making Rhonda Elstone the winner of an all inclusive trip to Coco Beach Florida.

The trip included round trip fare, economy car and accommodations at the Holiday Inn Cocoa Beach. Rhonda can either take this trip or \$1,000 cash.

Congratulations!

Now if I had won this trip there would be no hesitation. We haven't been to Florida in years. Of course, given the choice there are many other places I would pick since Florida is old hat for me but winning this trip would be a big incentive to go again.

But then, winter is going pretty fast so actually the big need to go south isn't as strong as it would have been in the beginning of January.

The last draw will be on March 1 for two \$50 prizes. All the trips are gone but I know that when the time comes I will buy a ticket since win or lose the money does go to a worthy cause.

Community Living had a real great selection of vacation choices on their list for this lottery. Can't wait to see what the new list holds!

Alyssa Stiver spent her PD day last week with close friend River Christiano who was visiting from Montreal. Alyssa and River have been friends since small and they spent the day reconnecting outside, creating slides out of the huge mounds of plowed snow that are still everywhere. What fun!

Have a great week!



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## Hospital auxiliaries celebrate 100th anniversary

by JOHN FORTUNE AND RON TUCKER  
*Minden Health Care Auxiliary*

Tuesday, Feb. 16 will be the 100th anniversary of the Health Care Auxiliaries of Ontario.

Collectively, in the last year, close to three million hours of volunteer time was spent and \$47,723,134 was raised throughout the province.

The Minden Health Care Auxiliary was founded only

10 years ago. In the year 2000, six visionary women started your auxiliary here. These women were Corinne Arsenault, Fern Donnelly, Bonnie Flieschaker, Donna Monk, Norma Nobles and Marion (Katie) Parker. At the first general meeting, on Nov. 9, 2000, 23 members were present. Now there are about 70 auxiliary members.

In the past 10 years, donations to your auxiliary have helped purchase items for our local emergency department, long-term care facility (Hyland Crest) and physio department.

Nearly \$200,000 has been raised in the 10 years the auxiliary has been in existence. The Minden Health Care Auxiliary would like to thank everyone in the community, full time and seasonal residents, for all their support over the past decade and look forward for your continued support in the future.



### St. Paul's Anglican Church Minden Invites everyone to their annual PANCAKE SUPPER

**Tuesday February 16th, 5:00pm to 7:00pm**

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**Haliburton Highlands Performing Arts Society**

**Tuesday, February 16, 2010**  
**4:00 pm in the**

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# community calendar

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**to the  Haliburton Highlands Community Calendar link at: [www.haliburtonecho.ca](http://www.haliburtonecho.ca)**

• February 10: Free Separating Spouses Seminar in Lindsay from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm – Are you dealing with separation or divorce? Learn how to reduce conflict during separation and work together for the sake of children. Learn about the legal and court process and the benefits of using mediation to reach agreements. Pre-registration is required. Free information is always available at the Family Law Information Centre located at the family courts in Peterborough, Lindsay and Cobourg. Call Four Counties Family Mediation at 705-760-9603 or 1-888-605-1393.

• February 10: The meeting of the Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Group will feature Valentines, Love Letters & Love Stories - Bring us your ancestor's literary heart. Maximum 5-minute mini-presentations. Doors of the Common Room at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre open at 6 pm. (Please enter by the back door.) Presentations 7-9 pm. Everyone welcome – no charge. Refreshments available. For more information contact Gail at 286-2225.

• February 13: Dead Poets Salute Unrequited Love at the Dominion Hotel in Minden from 7:30-9:30 pm– The deads are rising again! The Spiritual Advisor of the dead poets society is looking for lively deads who will select a poem or two to read – guess when? On the eve of St. Valentine's day at the Dominion in romantic downtown Minden. The Deadhs have been entertaining the elite intellectual class in the County for four years with turns from Poe, Whitman, Donne, Dorothy Parker, just to name a few. Clever Friends: choose a poem on unrequited love and let the Spiritual Advisor know by emailing Michael Fay at [fay.m@sympatico.ca](mailto:fay.m@sympatico.ca). And, if you just want to quaff an ale or a ruby red wine, come-on-down-to-the-Dominion on February 13!

• February 13: Dorset Poker Rally – All proceeds to aid Kidney Dialysis at Lions Camp Dorset. Must be 19 years of age or older to purchase a poker hand. Pre-registration is Friday 7:00 -9:00 pm. Registration is Saturday 9:00 - Pledge sheets available on line ([www.tallpines.org](http://www.tallpines.org)) and ([www.lionscampdorset.on.ca](http://www.lionscampdorset.on.ca)). Maximum 300 riders with OFSC Trail Permit, \$50 worth of pledges gives you a free ride. First prize is \$2000 cash. Sponsored by Lions Camp Dorset and Tall Pines Snowmobile Club. For more information please contact Charmaine at 705-766-9263 or Helen 705-766-2662.

• February 13: Haliburton County Snowmobile Association Scavenger Hunt – Join us at 10 am at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. Collect data along a 50 km route. BBQ and Open House to follow at H.C.S.A. Shop, 171 Mallard Road, Haliburton.

• February 14: Haliburton County Snowmobile Association Grand Opening for the new snowmobile bridge – Please

join us at 1 pm in Minden, at Orde St and Peck St., parallel to the bridge on Bobcaygeon Road.

• February 16: Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper – Join us for fresh hot pancakes, yummy syrup, sausages, home made dessert and beverage at the Fenelon Falls United Church, Colborne Street, Fenelon Falls from 4:30 – 6:30 pm. Adults \$7, Children 12 and under Free.

• February 16: St. George's Anglican Church 71st Annual Pancake Supper at the Haliburton Legion Hall – Please join us from 5 -7 pm. Cost is \$15 per family, \$5 adults, \$3.50 children 6-12 yrs and under 6 FREE

• February 16 & 17: Wilberforce Loop Troupe Bring Your Talent to a Planning Meeting For A Variety Night – All ages welcome. Please join us at the Lloyd Watson Centre at 7 pm. For more information call Gill 448-1411.

• February 18: Free Separating Spouses Seminar in Peterborough from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm – Are you dealing with separation or divorce? Learn how to reduce conflict during separation and work together for the sake of children. Learn about the legal and court process and the benefits of using mediation to reach agreements. Pre-registration is required. Free information is always available at the Family Law Information Centre located at the family courts in Peterborough, Lindsay and Cobourg. Call Four Counties Family Mediation at 705-760-9603 or 1-888-605-1393.

• February 20: Annual Heritage Day at the Buckhorn Community Centre – This is a family fun day, run entirely by volunteers, with exhibitions and displays from local groups and individuals. We are celebrating the history of the area as well as howcasing the countries origin of existing local residents through an International food court, and a visit from special guest, our Minister of Natural Resources, Donna Cansfield. Admission is free however there will be opportunities for doantions as this is a fundraising event for our new Buckhorn Sports Pad.

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**Please submit events by the Thursday prior to the requested publication date.**

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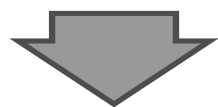
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# Announcements

## Deaths

**REID, William (Bill)** - Passed away suddenly at the Minden Hospital on Friday, February 5, 2010 at the age of 64. Beloved husband of Angela Reid. Loving father of Curtis (Sarah), Stephen (Rachel), Tim (Paula), Robbie, Jeffrey (Emily), Brandon (Meghan), step-father of Christopher (Fiona), Robin (Brandon) and grandfather of 13 grandchildren. Dear brother of Jim (Gladys), Chris (Nancy), Barb (Terry), Rick (Stephanie), Charlene (Tom), brother-in-law of Kathy (Myles), Cindy (Jack), Paul (Leeann), Karen (Billy), Tim (Adri). Loving son of Muriel and the late Charles Reid, son-in-law of Doug Eastman, Dorothy and Murray Everson. Fondly remembered by many nieces, nephews, family and friends. Friends are invited to visit the family at the **GORDON A. MONK FUNERAL HOME LTD.**, 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., Minden on Tuesday, February 9, 2010 from 11:00 am until the time of the service to Celebrate Bill's Life at 1:00 pm. Reception will follow in the family centre at the Funeral Home. Memorial Donations to the Relay for Life, Haliburton would be appreciated by the family. [www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com](http://www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com)

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## Deaths

**SMITH, Gregory John** - In loving memory of Gregory John Smith, a long time employee of Curry Motors. Passed away suddenly at home in Haliburton on Sunday, January 31, 2010. At the age of 58. Dear father of Kirk and his wife Dayle and predeceased by his son Chad. Fondly remembered by their mother Faye. Loving grandpa of Brenden and Emma. Dear brother of Allan and his wife Dona and he will be missed by their family. A Private Family Service was held. Cremation has taken place. Memorial Donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged by the **GORDON A. MONK FUNERAL HOME LTD.**, 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0. [www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com](http://www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com)

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## In memoriam



Dear Andris.

It will be a year this Feb 11 since you left us. It has been a very difficult year. I just wanted you to know that we are doing the best we can. We have met an amazing amount of great people, along with family and friends, who have been by our sides this entire year. They have offered us continuous help, love and support.

You would be very proud of everyone.

We miss you dearly, love you and cherish the many beautiful memories of you.

Love,  
Lorienn, Kyla & Karlis

## Deaths



**WELLS, Marjorie G (nee Caines)** - Passed away peacefully at Hyland Crest Senior Citizens Home, Minden, Ontario on Sunday, February 7, 2010. In her 95th year. Survived by her loving twin daughters, Jackie and Susan Wells, and their partners Kate Bullivant (Minden) and Stacey Shannon (Toronto), and by her sister Pauline Abiss of Bidford-on-Avon, England. She is predeceased by her brothers Jack Caines and Ken Thomas of Bristol England and by her former husband Mervyn Wells in 1998. Born in Bristol, England, January 14, 1916, Marj served in the British Women's Army Corps (W.A.C.S.) during WWII. She and Merv and the girls lived in Rhodesia and South Africa for 3 years before immigrating to Canada in 1956. They settled in Burlington, Ontario where Marj was a long time employee of Niagara Chemicals. She loved her work and was passionate about golf, bridge, travel, dancing and big band music. Even into her last days she remembered the words to what seemed like every old song ever written. Her dry wit made her a favourite of the staff at Hyland Crest over the last 2 1/2 years and we thank them for their caring support. Cremation has taken place. There will be a Celebration of Marj's Life in the Fireplace Lounge at Hyland Crest Senior Citizens Home in Minden on Saturday, February 13, 2010 from 2-4 pm. All welcome. Memorial Donations to the Alzheimer's Society or to the Hyland Crest Residents Council would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the **GORDON A. MONK FUNERAL HOME LTD.**, 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0. [www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com](http://www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com)

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## In memoriam

**KEN SAWYER**  
February 12, 2008

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you will always stay.  
You have left a  
big hole in our lives,  
There's not a day  
That goes by  
That we don't think  
of you and shed  
silent tears*

We Love you, Ken and miss you so  
*Love your Family,  
Con, Lorrie, Kelly, Darren  
Michael & Logan  
Jake & Shelby  
Mike & Sherry*



## In memoriam

**In loving Memory of Bob Levesque**  
February 15, 2008

*Those we love don't go away,  
They walk beside us every day,  
Unseen, unheard but always near.*



Very sadly missed by  
Joan & the kids.

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### Mom

You've shown me the things in life are  
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with Love." Miss you, Love Sabine

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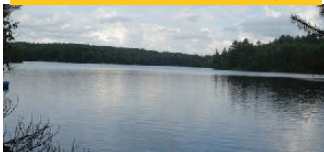
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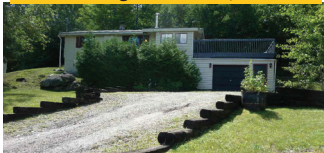
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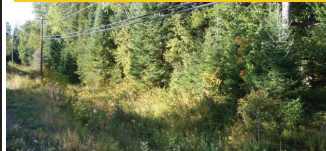
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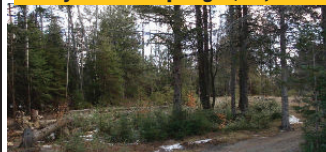
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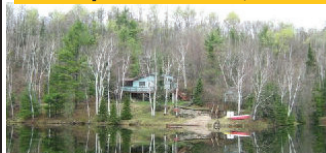
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